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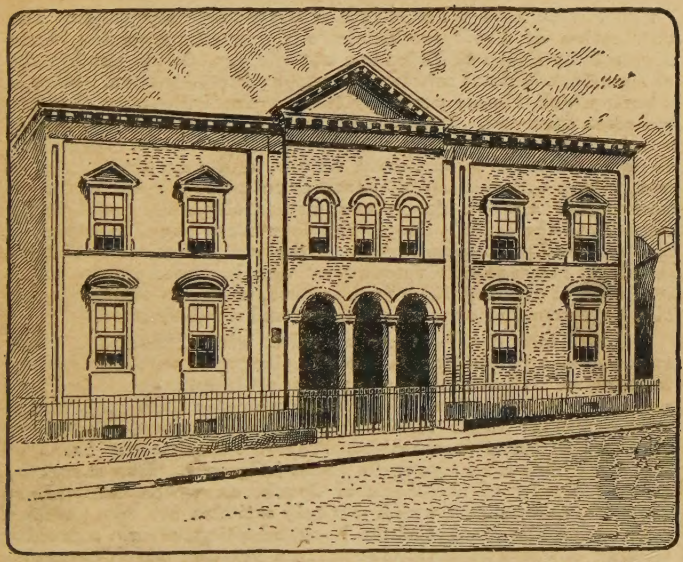

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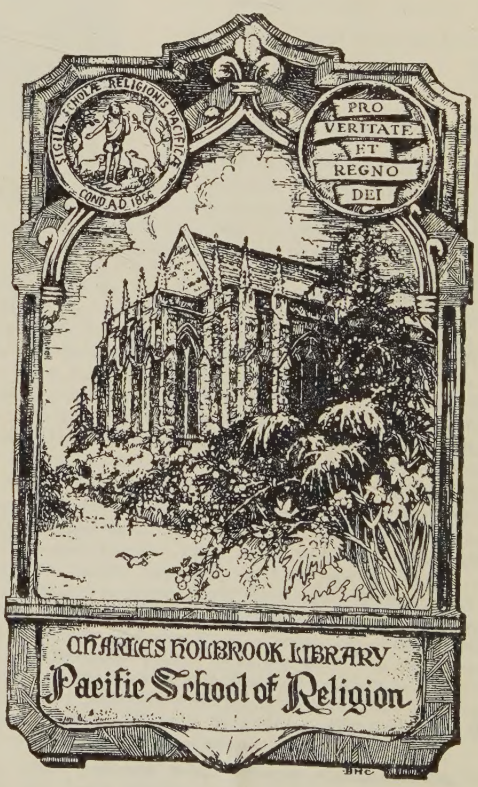

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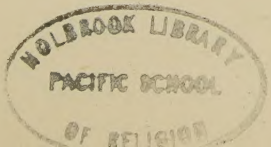

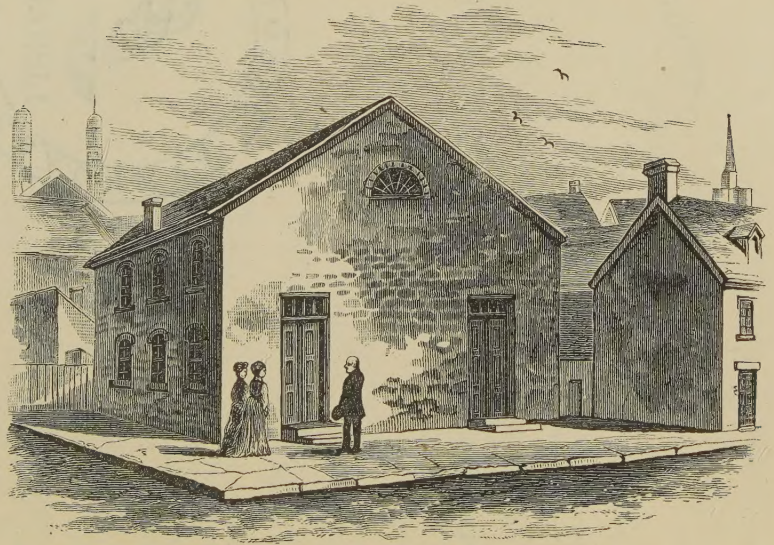

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THE METHODIST YEAR BOOK

I

1907

Year by year continually.—Heb. 10. 1

THIS issue of the METHODIST YEAR BOOK brings the statistical and sundry other records of the Methodist Episcopal Church down to the close of 1907, the last year of the thirty-first quadrennium, since the denomination was organized at the "Christmas Conference" in 1784. In view of the near approach of the General Conference in 1908, we have endeavored to present more fully than has been our wont statistical tables, comparative and otherwise, relating to our membership and our great denominational benevolences. In addition thereto we have prepared at considerable expenditure of time and effort a table setting forth the status of our domestic Conferences in 1907 in the supremely important matter of CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. Having been frequently importuned for information concerning this great and growing administrative interest, we determined to collect data of a definite character from our Conference officials, mainly Conference Stewards, and to present them by Conferences for the information of the Church. The prompt and courteous responses of these officials challenges our gratitude. It is to them rather than to us that our readers are indebted for the exceedingly interesting and valuable information contained in the table.

The consolidation of our Church benevolences, dating from January 1, 1907, has rendered it impossible for us to present exact comparisons of the receipts with those of former years of such benevolences as were affected by the new order of things; the aggregate contributions are, however, presented.

The separation of our domestic and foreign church membership and the tabulations thereof by Conferences and Missions, each in its own class, for 1907, will furnish the reply to questions that are frequently propounded. Page 19 of the last issue of the YEAR BOOK, with its wealth of statistical in-

formation was received with so many commendations that we have resolved to devote a page to a similar "Ready Reference Compend" in the present volume.

THROUGH the courtesy of Dr. John F. Goucher, president of the Woman's College of Baltimore we are enabled to present to the readers of the YEAR BOOK an exceptionally fine likeness of Bishop Francis Asbury who presided over the General Conference held in Baltimore in 1808. Bishop Coke, at the request of the European Conferences and pursuant to a resolution passed by the General Conference of 1804 returned to England and "continued" there. Bishop Whatcoat, the third in order of election (1800) to the Episcopacy, died in 1806, so that Bishop Asbury alone remained to preside over the General Conference of 1808, Bishop McKendree not being elected and consecrated till late in the session.

WHILE the gifts of money for benevolent objects reached the greatest aggregate sum ever realized in this country in the opening year of the twentieth century, 1901, namely $122,888,732 the record for 1906, namely $106,338,063, surpasses that of 1902, 1903, 1904, or 1905. Items of less than $1,000 are not included in the reckoning, nor are the ordinary contributions to churches, hospitals, etc., considered in the computation, but only such gifts and bequests as are recorded in the columns of the press. According to statistics compiled by the Chicago Daily Tribune the contributions for the first six years of this century year by year have been: 1901, $122,888,732; 1902, $77,397,167; 1903, $76,634,978; 1904, $46,296,980; 1905, $104,586,422; 1906, $106,338,063. The sum total amounting in the aggregate to $534,142,342. The contributions for 1906—$106,338,063—were gifts, $61,179,093; bequests, $45,208,970. The total amount was distributed as follows: To educational institutions, $32,492,636; to charities, $49,897,615; to religious organizations, $5,443,475; to museums, art galleries and public improvements, $16,849,700; and to libraries, $1,704,617.

The Twentieth Century Thank Offering of our own denomination, $20,000,000, contributed in no small degree to the great record made in 1901. Among the gifts made by Mr. Andrew Carnegie in 1906 was one of $50,000, to the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md.

THE statistical table entitled "Support of Bishops, Presiding Elders and Pastors" cannot fail to be studied with great

interest. The data therein presented have been gathered from official sources with great care, and the accuracy of the table can be relied on. A valuable feature of this issue of the YEAR BOOK is the splendid article furnished by Bishop Bashford on the "Hospitals and Educational Institutions" of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China. We confess our amazement at the extent of these factors that enter into the administration of our denominational work in the Flowery Kingdom. It is no longer a marvel to us that Bishop Bashford is an enthusiastic believer in the redemption of China to Christ.

THE alacrity with which Conference officials respond to our requests for information outside the statutory pale challenges our admiration. For the Conference Secretaries' lot—secretaries of record and statistical secretaries—is not a happy one. Even the "Fathers" might justly resent our persistent activity in asking for special information betimes, but they do not, be it said to the credit of their Episcopal urbanity and charity.

THE General Minutes of the Spring Conferences for 1907 contain the records of every foreign Conference and Mission in the denomination except North China. Heretofore these records have been divided between the Spring and the Fall Minutes, care being taken, however, to have the two issues contain complete records for the calendar year; but inasmuch as the old statistical form No. 4 was discontinued after the close of the Spring Conferences and the new form came into use with the advent of the Fall Conferences for 1907, we were compelled to hold the Spring Minutes open, thereby delaying the issue thereof, until every report on the old forms had reached us.

THE publication of the General Minutes of the Spring Conferences for 1907 was delayed owing to the fact that the revised form of No. 4 statistical tables, the form devoted to the official benevolent collections, was first adopted by the Fall Conferences of that year, hence it was necessary that the returns from all Conferences and Missions using the form in vogue prior to the Consolidation of the Benevolences should be received before the Minutes were closed up, since the different forms could not be used in the same Minutes. And just here we may state that the use of different tables in the calendar year renders the tabulation of comparative statistics for 1906–07 extremely perplexing.

II

CALENDARIAL AND ASTRONOMICAL

God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. —Gen. 1. 5. The Lord . . . giveth the sun for a light by day and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night.—Jer. 31. 35.

CALENDARIAL

CHURCH DAYS AND MOVABLE FEASTS

Epiphany	Jan. 6	Good Friday	April 17
Septuagesima Sunday	Feb. 16	Easter Sunday	April 19
Sexagesima Sunday	Feb. 23	Low Sunday	April 26
Quinquagesima Sunday	March 1	Rogation Sunday	May 24
Shrove Tuesday	March 3	Ascension Thursday	May 28
Ash Wednesday	March 4	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	June 7
Quadragesima Sunday	March 8	Trinity Sunday	June 14
Mid-Lent Sunday	March 29	Corpus Christi	June 18
Palm Sunday	April 12	Advent Sunday	Nov. 29

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The year 1908, which comprises the latter part of the 132d and the beginning of the 133d year of the independence of the United States of America, corresponds nearly to:

The Mohammedan year 1326, which begins February 4.

The Jewish year 5669, beginning at sunset of September 25.

The Chinese year 4605.

The year 7417–7418 of the Byzantine era, the year 7417 beginning September 1.

The year 2220 of the Grecian era, which began in the 4,402d year of the Julian period.

The year 2568 of the Japanese era.

EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after—
First Sunday in Lent—March 11, 13, 14.
Pentecost—June 10, 12, 13.
September 14—September 16, 18, 19.
December 13—December 16, 18, 19.

STANDARD TIME

For the convenience of the railroads and business in general a standard of time was established by mutual agreement in 1883, and it is by this method of calculation that trains are now run and local time is regulated. In accordance with this system the United States, extending from 65° to 125° west longitude, is divided into four time sections, each of 15° of longitude, exactly equivalent to one hour (7° 30′ on each side of a meridian), commencing with the 75th meridian. The first, or Eastern, section includes all territory between the

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ASTRONOMICAL

ECLIPSES, 1908

There will be three eclipses of the sun in 1908, as follows:

I. Total of the sun, January 3, visible in the southern and southwestern states as a small partial eclipse on the sun's southern limb near sunset. The sun will set more or less eclipsed within the area included between a line from Savannah, Georgia, to Omaha, Nebraska, and thence through the Staked Plains of western Texas. Through western Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri and eastern Texas, Indian Territory and Kansas. The middle of the eclipse will occur at sunset. The path of the total phase lies westward in the Pacific from San Jose, Costa Rica.

II. Annular of the sun, June 28. The path of the annular phase will touch the United States only in South Florida.

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New York	9 55 "	10 58 "	9	− 4m.
Washington	9 27 "	10 41 "	10	+ 8m.
Charleston	9 03 "	10 24 "	11	+20m.
Saint Louis	8 29 "	11 08 am	9	+ 1m.
New Orleans	8 05 "	11 10 "	10	0m.
San Francisco	6 20 "	7 52 "	4	+10m.

III. Central of the Sun, December 23, invisible in North America.

MORNING STARS

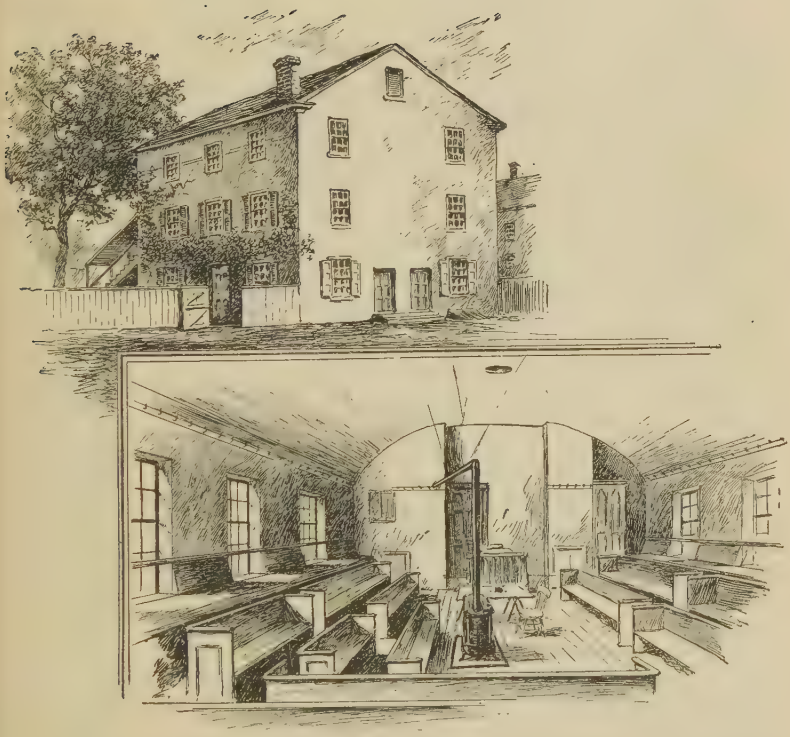
Mercury, March 18–25 and November 8–15 at time of greatest brilliancy. Venus, after July 5. Mars, after August 22. Jupiter, from August 17 to December 5. Saturn, from March 20 to July 1.

EVENING STARS

Mercury, February 8–12 and October 10–15 at time of greatest brilliancy. Venus, until July 5. Mars, until August 22. Jupiter, until August 17 and after December 5. Saturn, until March 20 and after July 1.

PLANETS BRIGHTEST

Mercury—(see morning and evening stars). Venus, May 29, as an evening star, and August 11 as a morning star. Mars, not this year. Jupiter, January 29. Saturn, September 30. Uranus, July 7, and Neptune, January 5.



"LIGHT STREET PARSONAGE," BALTIMORE, MD., SHOWING OUTSIDE STAIRWAY. THE UPPER ROOM WHERE THE CONFERENCE SAT

JANUARY

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
New Moon..... 3 D.	4 H. 43 M.	3 H. 43 M.	2 H. 43 M.
First Quarter. .10 D.	4 H. 53 M.	3 H. 53 M.	2 H. 53 M.
Full Moon.....18 D.	8 H. 37 M.	7 H. 37 M.	6 H. 37 M.
Last Quarter...26 D.	10 H. 1 M.	9 H. 1 M.	8 H. 1 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind., and Ill. — MEAN TIME.			Stan. Time.	D. of Month.	D. of Week.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon. — MEAN TIME.			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H. W. N. Y. Gov. I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H. W. Bos'n N.Yd
7 25	4 43	4 40	5 43	1	We.	7 30	4 38	4 44	9 22
7 25	4 44	5 53	6 47	2	Th.	7 30	4 39	5 57	10 16
7 25	4 45	7 4	7 41	3	Fri.	7 30	4 40	7 9	11 8
7 25	4 46	sets	8 36	4	Sat.	7 30	4 41	sets	morn
7 25	4 47	7 3	9 31	5	S.	7 30	4 42	6 59	0
7 25	4 48	8 17	10 29	6	Mo.	7 29	4 43	8 13	52
7 25	4 49	9 31	11 29	7	Tu.	7 29	4 44	9 29	1 45
7 24	4 50	10 41	morn	8	We.	7 29	4 45	10 40	2 40
7 24	4 51	11 49	30	9	Th.	7 29	4 46	11 49	3 34
7 24	4 52	morn	1 30	10	Fr.	7 29	4 47	morn	4 30
7 24	4 53	55	2 30	11	Sat.	7 29	4 48	56	5 28
7 23	4 54	1 57	3 29	12	S.	7 28	4 50	1 59	6 30
7 23	4 55	2 59	4 20	13	Mo.	7 28	4 51	3 3	7 25
7 23	4 56	4 0	5 11	14	Tu.	7 28	4 52	4 4	8 20
7 22	4 57	4 59	5 56	15	We.	7 27	4 53	5 3	9 11
7 22	4 59	5 54	6 38	16	Th.	7 27	4 54	5 59	10 0
7 21	5 0	6 45	7 16	17	Fri.	7 26	4 55	6 50	10 42
7 21	5 1	rises	7 50	18	Sat.	7 26	4 56	rises	11 20
7 21	5 2	6 6	8 23	19	S.	7 25	4 58	6 2	Ev. 0
7 20	5 3	7 3	8 55	20	Mo.	7 24	4 59	7 0	40
7 19	5 4	8 2	9 25	21	Tu.	7 24	5 0	7 59	1 16
7 18	5 5	9 1	9 59	22	We.	7 23	5 1	8 59	1 55
7 17	5 7	9 59	10 38	23	Th.	7 22	5 3	9 59	2 38
7 17	5 8	11 0	11 20	24	Fri.	7 22	5 4	11 1	3 20
7 16	5 9	morn	Ev. 8	25	Sat.	7 21	5 5	morn	4 8
7 16	5 10	4	1 2	26	S.	7 20	5 6	5	5 0
7 15	5 11	1 9	2 5	27	Mo.	7 19	5 8	1 12	6 0
7 14	5 13	2 18	3 17	28	Tu.	7 18	5 9	2 21	7 0
7 13	5 14	3 29	4 31	29	We.	7 17	5 10	3 33	8 0
7 12	5 15	4 38	5 38	30	Th.	7 16	5 12	4 43	9 0
7 12	5 16	5 47	6 38	31	Fri.	7 15	5 13	5 52	10 0

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight.

FEBRUARY

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st Time
New Moon.. ....2 D	3 H. 36 M.	2 H. 36 M.	1 H. 36 M.
First Quarter ....8 D.	11 H. 27 M.	10 H. 27 M	9 H. 27 M.
Full Moon. . ....17 D.	4 H. 5 M.	3 H. 5 M.	2 H. 5 M.
Last Quarter ....24D.	10 H. 24 M.	9 H. 24 M.	8 H. 24 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind., and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon.				
MEAN TIME.			Stan. Time.				MEAN TIME.			Stan. Time.	
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H. W N. Y. cov.				Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H. W Bos'n N. Yd	
7 11	**5 18**	6 46	**7 35**		1	Sat.	**7 14**	**5 14**	6 51	**10 50**	
7 10	5 19	sets	**8 28**		2	S.	7 13	5 15	sets	**11 45**	
7 9	5 20	**7 5**	**9 21**		3	Mo.	7 12	5 16	**7 2**	morn	
7 7	5 21	**8 19**	**10 9**		4	Tu.	7 11	5 18	**8 18**	34	
7 6	5 22	**9 32**	**11 0**		5	We.	7 10	5 19	**9 32**	1 24	
7 5	5 23	**10 40**	**11 53**		6	Th.	7 9	5 21	**10 41**	2 15	
7 4	5 25	**11 47**	morn		7	Fri.	7 8	5 22	**11 49**	3 6	
7 3	5 26	morn	50		8	Sat.	7 6	5 23	morn	4 0	
7 2	5 27	51	1 50		9	S.	7 5	5 24	54	4 55	
7 1	5 28	1 53	2 50		10	Mo.	7 4	5 25	1 56	5 55	
7 0	5 30	2 53	3 50		11	Tu.	7 2	5 26	2 57	6 50	
6 58	5 31	3 49	4 43		12	We.	7 1	5 28	3 55	7 47	
6 57	5 32	4 42	5 31		13	Th.	7 0	5 29	4 47	8 42	
6 56	5 34	5 26	6 15		14	Fri.	6 59	5 30	5 31	9 32	
6 55	5 35	6 11	6 53		15	Sat.	6 57	5 32	6 16	10 14	
6 53	5 36	rises	7 26		16	S.	6 56	5 33	rises	10 55	
6 52	5 37	**5 55**	7 58		17	Mo.	6 54	5 35	**5 52**	11 35	
6 51	5 39	**6 54**	8 30		18	Tu.	6 53	5 36	**6 52**	Ev. 10	
6 49	5 40	**7 54**	9 0		19	We.	6 52	5 38	**7 53**	50	
6 48	5 41	**8 55**	9 31		20	Th.	6 50	5 39	**8 55**	1 30	
6 46	5 43	**9 57**	10 7		21	Fri.	6 48	5 40	**9 58**	2 10	
6 45	5 44	**11 0**	10 48		22	Sat.	6 47	5 42	**11 2**	2 54	
6 44	5 45	morn	11 33		23	S.	6 45	5 43	morn	3 40	
6 42	5 46	5 Ev	27		24	Mo.	4 44	5 45	8	4 32	
6 41	5 48	1 12	1 30		25	Tu.	6 42	5 46	1 16	5 32	
6 39	5 49	2 22	2 53		26	We.	6 41	5 47	2 27	6 35	
6 38	5 50	3 29	4 18		27	Th.	6 39	5 49	3 34	7 35	
6 37	5 51	4 27	5 30		28	Fri.	6 38	5 50	4 33	8 40	
6 35	5 53	5 23	6 29		29	Sat.	6 36	5 51	5 27	9 40	

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

MARCH

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
New Moon..... 2 D.	1 H. 57 M.	0 H. 57 M.	11 H. 57 M.
First Quarter.... 9 D.	4 H. 42 M.	3 H. 42 M.	2 H. 42 M.
Full Moon.....17 D.	9 H. 28 M.	8 H. 28 M.	7 H. 28 M.
Last Quarter....25 D	7 H. 31 M.	6 H. 31 M.	5 H. 31 M.
New Moon.....31 D.	Apr 1.	11 H. 2 M.	10 H. 2 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon.				
MEAN TIME.				Stan. Time.			MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H.W. N.Y. GOV.I.				Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H W. Bos'n N.Yd	
6 35	5 53	6 9	7 22		1	S.	6 36	5 51	6 13	10 34	
6 34	5 53	sets	8 10		2	Mo.	6 35	5 52	sets	11 25	
6 32	5 54	7 7	8 59		3	Tu.	6 33	5 53	7 6	morn	
6 30	5 55	8 18	9 45		4	We.	6 31	5 54	8 19	14	
6 29	5 56	9 28	10 31		5	Th.	6 30	5 55	9 29	1 0	
6 27	5 57	10 35	11 20		6	Fri.	6 28	5 56	10 37	1 50	
6 25	5 58	11 41	morn		7	Sat.	6 26	5 57	11 44	2 40	
6 24	5 59	morn	11		8	S.	6 25	5 58	morn	3 30	
6 22	6 0	43	1 6		9	Mo.	6 23	5 59	48	4 22	
6 20	6 1	1 42	2 6		10	Tu.	6 21	6 0	1 47	5 15	
6 19	6 2	2 37	3 12		11	We.	6 20	6 2	2 42	6 15	
6 17	6 3	3 26	4 11		12	Th.	6 18	6 3	3 31	7 10	
6 16	6 4	4 11	5 1		13	Fri.	6 16	6 4	4 16	8 7	
6 14	6 5	4 50	5 47		14	Sat.	6 14	6 5	4 55	8 56	
6 12	6 6	5 27	6 27		15	S.	6 13	6 6	5 31	9 44	
6 11	6 8	5 54	7 0		16	Mo.	6 11	6 7	5 57	10 24	
6 9	6 9	rises	7 32		17	Tu.	6 9	6 9	rises	11 5	
6 7	6 10	6 48	8 4		18	We.	6 7	6 10	6 47	11 43	
6 6	6 11	7 49	8 32		19	Th.	6 6	6 11	7 50	Ev 20	
6 4	6 12	8 53	9 6		20	Fri.	6 4	6 12	8 55	1 0	
6 2	6 13	9 59	9 43		21	Sat.	6 2	6 13	10 2	1 45	
6 1	6 14	11 5	10 24		22	S.	6 0	6 14	11 9	2 28	
5 59	6 15	morn	11 11		23	Mo.	5 59	6 15	morn	3 17	
5 58	6 16	12	Ev. 8	24	Tu.	5 57	6 16	17	4 10		
5 56	6 17	1 18	1 14		25	We.	5 55	6 17	1 23	5 10	
5 54	6 18	2 19	2 45		26	Th.	5 53	6 18	2 24	6 15	
5 52	6 19	3 16	4 14		27	Fri.	5 52	6 19	3 22	7 20	
5 51	6 20	4 2	5 20		28	Sat.	5 50	6 20	4 6	8 20	
5 49	6 21	4 44	6 16		29	S.	5 48	6 21	4 47	9 20	
5 47	6 22	5 18	7 5		30	Mo.	5 46	6 22	5 20	10 15	
5 45	6 23	5 50	7 50		31	Tu.	5 44	6 23	5 51	11 5	

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

APRIL

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
New Moon..... 1 D.	0 H. 2 M.	March 31.	March 31
First Quarter....8 D.	11 H. 31 M.	10 H. 31 M.	9 H. 31 M.
Full Moon. .....16 D.	11 H. 55 M.	10 H. 55 M.	9 H. 55 M.
Last Quarter....23 D.	2 H. 6 M.	1 H. 6 M.	0 H. 6 M.
New Moon.....30 D.	10 H. 33 M.	9 H. 33 M.	8 H. 33 M.

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Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H.W N.Y. GOV.I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	H.W. Bos'n N.Y'd
5 44	6 24	sets	8 35	1	We.	5 43	6 25	sets	11 50
5 42	6 26	8 14	9 19	2	Th.	5 41	6 27	8 16	morn.
5 41	6 27	9 22	10 0	3	Fri.	5 40	6 28	9 25	40
5 39	6 28	10 27	10 45	4	Sat.	5 38	6 29	10 31	1 25
5 37	6 29	11 30	11 33	5	S.	5 36	6 30	11 35	2 12
5 36	6 30	morn	morn	6	Mo.	5 35	6 31	morn	3 0
5 34	6 31	28	22	7	Tu.	5 33	6 32	33	3 50
5 33	6 32	1 20	1 16	8	We.	5 31	6 33	1 26	4 40
5 31	6 33	2 7	2 20	9	Th.	5 30	6 34	2 12	5 35
5 30	6 34	2 49	3 22	10	Fri.	5 28	6 36	2 53	6 32
5 28	6 35	3 25	4 19	11	Sat.	5 26	6 37	3 29	7 26
5 26	6 36	3 55	5 7	12	S.	5 25	6 38	3 59	8 16
5 25	6 37	4 23	5 48	13	Mo.	5 23	6 39	4 24	9 5
5 24	6 38	4 51	6 25	14	Tu.	5 21	6 40	4 52	9 50
5 22	6 39	5 17	7 0	15	We.	5 20	6 41	5 17	10 30
5 20	6 40	rises	7 38	16	Th.	5 18	6 42	rises	11 14
5 19	6 41	7 49	8 10	17	Fri.	5 16	6 43	7 52	11 55
5 17	6 42	8 57	8 45	18	Sat.	5 15	6 45	9 1	Ev 36
5 16	6 43	10 6	9 25	19	S.	5 13	6 46	10 10	1 20
5 14	6 44	11 12	10 10	20	Mo.	5 12	6 47	11 17	2 8
5 13	6 45	morn	11 0	21	Tu.	5 10	6 48	morn	3 0
5 11	6 46	15	Ev. 0	22	We.	5 9	6 49	21	3 55
5 10	6 47	1 14	1 5	23	Th.	5 7	6 50	1 19	4 55
5 8	6 48	2 1	2 46	24	Fri.	5 6	6 51	2 6	6 0
5 7	6 49	2 43	4 2	25	Sat.	5 4	6 52	2 47	7 5
5 6	6 50	3 18	5 3	26	S.	5 3	6 53	3 21	8 5
5 4	6 51	3 50	5 56	27	Mo.	5 1	6 55	3 51	9 0
5 3	6 52	4 19	6 43	28	Tu.	5 0	6 56	4 20	9 55
5 2	6 53	4 48	7 30	29	We.	4 58	6 57	4 47	10 40
5 0	6 55	sets	8 10	30	Th.	4 57	6 58	sets	11 28

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

MAY

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
First Quarter ....8 D.	6 H. 23 M.	5 H. 23 M.	4 H. 23 M.
Full Moon.....15 D.	11 H. 32 M.	10 H. 32 M.	9 H. 32 M.
Last Quarter....22 D	7 H. 17 M.	6 H. 17 M.	5 H. 17 M.
New Moon.....29 D.	10 H. 14 M.	9 H. 14 M.	8 H. 14 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis. Iowa, and Oregon.				
MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.				MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W N.Y. GOV.I.				Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W Bos'n N.Yd	
4 59	6 56	8 10	8 52		1	Fri.	4 56	7 0	8 13	morn.	
4 58	6 57	9 15	9 34		2	Sat.	4 54	7 1	9 19	12	
4 56	6 58	10 16	10 15		3	S.	4 53	7 2	10 21	1 0	
4 55	6 59	11 11	10 57		4	Mo.	4 52	7 3	11 17	1 45	
4 54	7 0	morn	11 38		5	Tu.	4 51	7 4	morn	2 30	
4 53	7 1	2	morn		6	We.	4 49	7 5	8	3 18	
4 52	7 2	41	25		7	Th.	4 48	7 6	47	4 5	
4 51	7 3	1 23	1 17		8	Fri.	4 47	7 7	1 27	5 0	
4 49	7 4	1 57	2 15		9	Sat.	4 46	7 8	2 0	5 50	
4 48	7 5	2 26	3 14		10	S.	4 44	7 9	2 28	6 42	
4 47	7 6	2 52	4 9		11	Mo.	4 43	7 10	2 54	7 35	
4 46	7 7	3 17	4 56		12	Tu.	4 42	7 11	3 18	8 25	
4 45	7 8	3 44	5 41		13	We.	4 41	7 12	3 43	9 14	
4 44	7 9	4 11	6 23		14	Th.	4 40	7 13	4 9	9 58	
4 43	7 10	rises	7 8		15	Fri.	4 39	7 14	rises	10 40	
4 42	7 11	7 52	7 47		16	Sat.	4 38	7 15	7 56	11 30	
4 41	7 12	9 2	8 30		17	S.	4 37	7 16	9 7	Ev 12	
4 40	7 13	10 8	9 16		18	Mo.	4 36	7 17	10 14	1 2	
4 39	7 14	11 9	10 6		19	Tu.	4 35	7 18	11 15	1 50	
4 39	7 15	morn	11 1		20	We.	4 34	7 19	morn	2 45	
4 38	7 16	2	Ev. 8		21	Th.	4 33	7 20	7	3 40	
4 37	7 17	44	1 21		22	Fri.	4 32	7 21	48	4 40	
4 36	7 18	1 22	2 37		23	Sat.	4 31	7 22	1 25	5 40	
4 36	7 19	1 53	3 44		24	S.	4 31	7 23	1 55	6 45	
4 35	7 20	2 23	4 40		25	Mo.	4 30	7 24	2 23	7 45	
4 34	7 20	2 51	5 33		26	Tu.	4 29	7 25	2 51	8 40	
4 34	7 21	3 19	6 20		27	We.	4 29	7 26	3 18	9 32	
4 33	7 22	3 49	7 5		28	Th.	4 28	7 27	3 46	10 20	
4 32	7 23	4 22	7 46		29	Fri.	4 27	7 28	4 18	11 6	
4 32	7 23	sets	8 28		30	Sat.	4 27	7 28	sets	11 50	
4 31	7 24	9 1	9 8		31	S.	4 26	7 29	9 6	morn	

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

JUNE

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
First Quarter ....6 D.	11 H. 56 M.	10 H. 56 M.	9 H. 56 M.
Full Moon. .....14 D.	8 H. 55 M.	7 H. 55 M.	6 H. 55 M.
Last Quarter....21 D.	0 H. 26 M.	11 H. 26 (20)	10 H. 26 (20)
New Moon.....28 D.	11 H. 31 M.	10 H. 31 M.	9 H. 31 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill. — MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon. — MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N.Y. gov.I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. Bos'n N.Yd
4 31	7 24	9 54	9 47	1	Mo.	4 25	7 30	9 59	35
4 30	7 25	10 42	10 25	2	Tu.	4 25	7 30	10 45	1 18
4 30	7 26	11 23	11 2	3	We.	4 25	7 31	11 27	2 0
4 30	7 26	11 57	11 38	4	Th.	4 24	7 32	morn	2 45
4 29	7 27	morn	morn	5	Fri.	4 24	7 32	1	3 30
4 29	7 28	27	22	6	Sat.	4 24	7 33	30	4 18
4 29	7 28	55	1 11	7	S.	4 23	7 33	57	5 5
4 29	7 29	1 20	2 4	8	Mo.	4 23	7 34	1 22	6 0
4 28	7 30	1 44	3 0	9	Tu.	4 23	7 35	1 44	6 50
4 28	7 30	2 9	3 58	10	We.	4 23	7 36	2 8	7 42
4 28	7 31	2 37	4 52	11	Th.	4 22	7 36	2 35	8 35
4 28	7 31	3 9	5 46	12	Fri.	4 22	7 37	3 5	9 24
4 28	7 32	3 44	6 38	13	Sat.	4 22	7 37	3 40	10 15
4 28	7 32	rises	7 30	14	S.	4 22	7 38	rises	11 3
4 28	7 32	8 59	8 20	15	Mo.	4 22	7 38	9 4	11 52
4 28	7 33	9 56	9 12	16	Tu.	4 22	7 38	10 1	Ev 44
4 28	7 33	10 44	10 7	17	We.	4 22	7 39	10 49	1 35
4 28	7 33	11 23	11 5	18	Th.	4 22	7 39	11 27	2 30
4 28	7 34	11 56	Ev 10	19	Fri.	4 22	7 39	11 58	3 25
4 29	7 34	morn	1 11	20	Sat.	4 23	7 40	morn	4 24
4 29	7 34	27	2 15	21	S.	4 23	7 40	28	5 22
4 29	7 34	55	3 15	22	Mo.	4 23	7 40	55	6 20
4 29	7 34	1 23	4 13	23	Tu.	4 23	7 40	1 22	7 20
4 29	7 34	1 53	5 7	24	We.	4 23	7 40	1 51	8 15
4 30	7 35	2 22	5 55	25	Th.	4 24	7 41	2 19	9 8
4 30	7 35	2 59	6 43	26	Fri.	4 24	7 41	2 54	10 0
4 30	7 35	3 37	7 25	27	Sat.	4 24	7 41	3 32	10 45
4 31	7 35	sets	8 7	28	S.	4 25	7 40	sets	11 30
4 31	7 35	8 36	8 45	29	Mo.	4 25	7 40	8 41	morn
4 32	7 35	9 21	9 20	30	Tu.	4 26	7 40	9 26	10

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

JULY

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
First Quarter ....6 D.	3 H. 25 M.	2 H. 25 M.	1 H. 25 M.
Full Moon. .....13 D.	4 H. 48 M.	3 H. 48 M.	2 H. 48 M.
Last Quarter....20 D.	7 H. 1 M.	6 H. 1 M.	5 H. 1 M.
New Moon.....28 D.	2 H. 16 M.	1 H. 16 M.	0 H. 16 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich, Wis., Iowa and Oregon.				
MEAN TIME				Stan. Time.			MEAN TIME				Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets		H.W. N. Y. GOV.I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets		H.W. Bos'n N.Yd
4 32	7 35	9 56		9 58	1	We.	4 26	7 40	10 0		53
4 32	7 35	10 29		10 30	2	Th.	4 26	7 40	10 32		1 34
4 33	7 34	10 57		11 0	3	Fri.	4 27	7 40	10 59		2 12
4 33	7 34	11 22		11 40	4	Sat.	4 28	7 40	11 24		2 55
4 34	7 34	11 47		morn	5	S.	4 29	7 39	11 47		3 40
4 35	7 34	morn		24	6	Mo.	4 29	7 39	morn		4 28
4 35	7 33	12	1	10	7	Tu.	4 30	7 39	12		5 16
4 36	7 33	37	2	5	8	We.	4 30	7 38	36		6 10
4 37	7 33	1 5	3	5	9	Th.	4 31	7 38	1 2		7 5
4 37	7 32	1 38	4	10	10	Fri.	4 32	7 38	1 34		8 0
4 38	7 32	2 18	5	15	11	Sat.	4 33	7 37	2 13		8 54
4 39	7 31	3 6	6	17	12	S.	4 33	7 37	3 1		9 48
4 39	7 31	rises	7	16	13	Mo.	4 34	7 36	rises		10 40
4 40	7 30	8 35	8	12	14	Tu.	4 35	7 36	8 40		11 34
4 41	7 30	9 20	9	6	15	We.	4 36	7 35	9 24		Ev 25
4 42	7 29	9 57	10	2	16	Th.	4 37	7 34	9 59		1 15
4 43	7 29	10 29	10	57	17	Fri.	4 37	7 34	10 30		2 10
4 44	7 28	10 58	11	52	18	Sat.	4 38	7 33	10 59		3 5
4 44	7 27	11 26		Ev 50	19	S.	4 39	7 32	11 25		4 0
4 45	7 26	11 56		1 47	20	Mo.	4 40	7 31	11 54		4 55
4 46	7 26	morn		2 46	21	Tu.	4 41	7 30	morn		5 55
4 47	7 25	25		3 45	22	We.	4 42	7 30	22		6 54
4 48	7 24	59		4 41	23	Th.	4 43	7 29	55		7 50
4 48	7 23	1 37		5 32	24	Fri.	4 44	7 28	1 32		8 45
4 49	7 23	2 14		6 20	25	Sat.	4 45	7 27	2 9		9 37
4 50	7 22	3 8		7 6	26	S.	4 46	7 26	3 3		10 25
4 51	7 21	4 0		7 45	27	Mo.	4 47	7 25	3 55		11 6
4 52	7 20	sets		8 21	28	Tu.	4 48	7 24	sets		11 48
4 53	7 19	8 30		8 55	29	We.	4 49	7 23	8 34		morn
4 54	7 18	8 59		9 26	30	Th.	4 50	7 22	9 2		25
4 55	7 17	9 26		9 56	31	Fri.	4 51	7 21	9 28		1 5

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

AUGUST

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st. Time
First Quarter ....5 D.	4 H. 40 M.	3 H. 40 M.	2 H. 40 M.
Full Moon. .....11 D.	11 H. 58 M.	10 H. 58 M.	9 H. 58 M.
Last Quarter....18D.	4 H. 25 M.	3 H. 25 M.	2 H. 25 M.
New Moon. .....26 D.	5 H. 59 M.	4 H. 59 M.	3 H. 59 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.

MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon. MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N.Y. GOV.I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. Bos'n N. Yd
4 56	7 16	9 50	10 29	1	Sat.	4 52	7 20	9 51	1 44
4 57	7 14	10 15	11 5	2	S.	4 53	7 18	10 15	2 23
4 58	7 13	10 39	11 47	3	Mo.	4 54	7 17	10 38	3 5
4 59	7 12	11 2	morn	4	Tu.	4 55	7 16	11 0	3 50
5 0	7 11	11 36	32	5	We.	4 56	7 15	11 33	4 40
5 1	7 10	morn	1 25	6	Th.	4 57	7 14	morn	5 32
5 2	7 9	10	2 28	7	Fri.	4 58	7 12	5	6 30
5 3	7 7	53	3 43	8	Sat.	4 59	7 11	47	7 30
5 4	7 6	1 44	4 54	9	S.	5 0	7 10	1 39	8 27
5 5	7 5	2 50	6 3	10	Mo.	5 1	7 8	2 44	9 26
5 6	7 4	rises	7 3	11	Tu.	5 2	7 7	rises	10 22
5 7	7 2	7 52	8 0	12	We.	5 3	7 6	7 55	11 15
5 8	7 1	8 27	8 54	13	Th.	5 4	7 4	8 29	Ev. 5
5 9	7 0	8 58	9 45	14	Fri.	5 5	7 3	8 59	55
5 10	6 58	9 27	10 38	15	Sat.	5 6	7 1	9 27	1 48
5 11	6 57	9 57	11 28	16	S.	5 7	7 0	9 55	2 40
5 12	6 55	10 28	Ev 21	17	Mo.	5 8	6 58	10 25	3 34
5 13	6 54	10 59	1 19	18	Tu.	5 10	6 57	10 56	4 30
5 14	6 53	11 36	2 17	19	We.	5 11	6 55	11 31	5 28
5 15	6 51	morn	3 15	20	Th.	5 12	6 54	morn	6 25
5 16	6 50	17	4 15	21	Fri.	5 13	6 52	12	7 25
5 17	6 48	1 5	5 9	22	Sat.	5 14	6 51	1 0	8 20
5 17	6 47	1 56	5 57	23	S.	5 15	6 49	1 50	9 15
5 18	6 45	2 50	6 40	24	Mo.	5 16	6 48	2 44	10 0
5 19	6 44	3 47	7 18	25	Tu.	5 17	6 46	3 43	10 42
5 20	6 42	4 46	7 52	26	We.	5 18	6 44	4 42	11 20
5 21	6 41	sets	8 25	27	Th.	5 19	6 43	sets	morn
5 22	6 39	7 55	8 55	28	Fri.	5 20	6 41	7 57	0
5 23	6 37	8 19	9 24	29	Sat.	5 21	6 39	8 19	35
5 24	6 36	8 43	9 56	30	S.	5 22	6 38	8 42	1 14
5 25	6 34	9 8	10 33	31	Mo.	5 23	6 36	9 6	1 50

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

SEPTEMBER

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st Time
First Quarter ....3 D.	3 H. 50 M.	2 H. 50 M.	1 H. 50 M.
Full Moon. .....10 D.	7 H. 23 M.	6 H. 23 M.	5 H. 23 M.
Last Quarter....17 D.	5 H. 33 M.	4 H. 33 M.	3 H. 33 M.
New Moon .....25 D.	9 H. 59 M.	8 H. 59 M.	7 H. 59 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn, New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon.			
MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.				MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N Y. GOV.I.				Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W Bos'n N.Yd
5 26	6 33	9 36	11 15		1	Tu.	5 24	6 35	9 33	2 34
5 27	6 31	10 7	morn		2	We.	5 26	6 33	10 3	3 20
5 28	6 29	10 47	4		3	Th.	5 27	6 31	10 42	4 10
5 29	6 28	11 31	1	0	4	Fri.	5 28	6 29	11 28	5 5
5 30	6 26	morn	2	7	5	Sat.	5 29	6 28	morn	6 5
5 31	6 25	30	3	27	6	S.	5 30	6 26	24	7 6
5 32	6 23	1 37	4	45	7	Mo.	5 31	6 24	1 32	8 10
5 33	6 21	2 51	5	51	8	Tu.	5 32	6 22	2 46	9 8
5 34	6 20	4 8	6	51	9	We.	5 33	6 21	4 4	10 5
5 35	6 18	rises	7	40	10	Th.	5 34	6 19	rises	10 54
5 36	6 16	7 24	8	32	11	Fri.	5 35	6 17	7 24	11 45
5 37	6 15	7 55	9	20	12	Sat.	5 36	6 15	7 53	Ev 34
5 38	6 13	8 25	10	8	13	S.	5 37	6 14	8 23	1 22
5 39	6 11	8 57	10	59	14	Mo.	5 38	6 12	8 54	2 10
5 40	6 9	9 33	11	51	15	Tu.	5 39	6 10	9 28	3 5
5 41	6 8	10 14	Ev	46	16	We.	5 40	6 8	10 9	4 0
5 42	6 6	10 59	1	46	17	Th.	5 41	6 7	10 53	4 55
5 43	6 4	11 50	2	48	18	Fri.	5 43	6 5	11 44	5 55
5 44	6 3	morn	3	45	19	Sat.	5 44	6 3	morn	6 54
5 45	6 1	43	4	40	20	S.	5 45	6 1	38	7 50
5 46	5 59	1 40	5	28	21	Mo.	5 46	6 0	1 35	8 42
5 47	5 58	2 38	6	10	22	Tu.	5 47	5 58	2 34	9 30
5 48	5 56	3 36	6	47	23	We.	5 48	5 56	3 33	10 14
5 49	5 55	4 36	7	18	24	Th.	5 49	5 54	4 34	10 50
5 50	5 53	sets	7	50	25	Fri.	5 50	5 53	sets	11 28
5 51	5 52	6 48	8	20	26	Sat.	5 51	5 51	6 47	morn
5 52	5 50	7 13	8	50	27	S.	5 52	5 49	7 11	5
5 53	5 48	7 38	9	25	28	Mo.	5 53	5 47	7 35	44
5 54	5 46	8 10	10	5	29	Tu.	5 54	5 46	8 6	1 25
5 54	5 44	8 46	10	50	30	We.	5 56	5 44	8 41	2 5

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

OCTOBER

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st Time
First Quarter..... 3D.	1 H. 13 M.	0 H. 13 M.	11 H. 13 (2)
Full Moon. ..... 9D.	4 H. 3 M.	3 H. 3 M.	2 H. 3 M.
Last Quarter ....16D.	10 H. 35 M.	9 H. 35 M.	8 H. 35 M.
New Moon .....25 D.	1 H. 46 M.	0 H. 46 M.	11 H. 46 (24

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.							Boston, New England, New-York, Mich, Wis., Iowa and Oregon.					
MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.		
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N. Y. GOV.I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. Bos'n N.Yd
5 56	5 43	9 27	11 43	1	Th.	5 57	5 42	9 22	2 52
5 57	5 41	10 19	morn	2	Fri.	5 58	5 40	10 14	3 45
5 58	5 39	11 20	46	3	Sat.	5 59	5 39	11 15	4 40
5 59	5 38	morn	2 2	4	S.	6 0	5 37	morn	5 45
6 0	5 36	30	3 27	5	Mo.	6 1	5 35	25	6 50
6 1	5 35	1 44	4 37	6	Tu.	6 2	5 33	1 40	7 50
6 2	5 33	2 59	5 38	7	We.	6 3	5 32	2 56	8 50
6 3	5 31	4 15	6 30	8	Th.	6 4	5 30	4 14	9 45
6 4	5 30	rises	7 19	9	Fri.	6 6	5 28	rises	10 35
6 5	5 28	6 21	8 8	10	Sat.	6 7	5 27	6 20	11 24
6 7	5 27	6 53	8 53	11	S.	6 8	5 25	6 50	Ev 10
6 8	5 25	7 27	9 40	12	Mo.	6 9	5 23	7 23	1 0
6 9	5 23	8 6	10 29	13	Tu.	6 10	5 22	8 1	1 45
6 10	5 22	8 51	11 19	14	We.	6 11	5 20	8 46	2 35
6 11	5 20	9 41	Ev 12	15	Th.	6 13	5 19	9 36	3 28
6 12	5 19	10 34	1 10	16	Fri.	6 14	5 17	10 29	4 22
6 13	5 17	11 30	2 11	17	Sat.	6 15	5 15	11 25	5 20
6 14	5 16	morn	3 10	18	S.	6 16	5 14	morn	6 20
6 15	5 14	28	4 4	19	Mo.	6 17	5 12	24	7 15
6 16	5 13	1 26	4 51	20	Tu.	6 18	5 11	1 22	8 8
6 18	5 12	2 27	5 30	21	We.	6 20	5 9	2 25	8 54
6 19	5 10	3 26	6 6	22	Th.	6 21	5 8	3 25	9 38
6 20	5 9	4 25	6 39	23	Fri.	6 22	5 6	4 24	10 16
6 21	5 7	5 25	7 12	24	Sat.	6 23	5 5	5 26	10 58
6 22	5 6	sets	7 45	25	S.	6 24	5 3	sets	11 35
6 23	5 4	6 11	8 20	26	Mo.	6 26	5 2	6 8	morn
6 24	5 3	6 45	9 0	27	Tu.	6 27	5 1	6 40	15
6 26	5 2	7 26	9 45	28	We.	6 28	4 59	7 22	1 0
6 27	5 1	8 14	10 35	29	Th.	6 29	4 57	8 9	1 40
6 28	4 59	9 12	11 33	30	Fri.	6 31	4 57	9 7	2 30
6 29	4 58	10 19	morn	31	Sat.	6 32	4 55	10 14	3 25

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

NOVEMBER

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st Time
First Quarter.... 1 D.	9 H. 16 M.	8 H. 16 M.	7 H. 16 M.
Full Moon. ..... 8 D.	2 H. 58 M.	1 H. 58 M.	0 H. 58 M.
Last Quarter....15D.	6 H. 41 M.	5 H. 41 M.	4 H. 41 M.
New Moon.....23 D.	4 H. 53 M.	3 H. 53 M.	2 H. 53 M.
First Quarter....30D.	4 H. 44 M.	3 H. 44 M.	2 H. 44 M.

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill.					D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis. Iowa and Oregon.			
MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.				MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N. Y. GOV.I.				Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. Bos'n N.Yd
6 30	4 57	11 30	46		1	S.	6 33	4 54	11 25	4 25
6 31	4 56	morn	2	9	2	Mo.	6 34	4 53	morn	5 25
6 32	4 54	42	3	22	3	Tu.	6 36	4 51	39	6 30
6 34	4 53	1 56	4	25	4	We.	6 37	4 50	1 54	7 30
6 35	4 52	3 10	5	19	5	Th.	6 38	4 49	3 9	8 30
6 36	4 51	4 21	6	8	6	Fri.	6 39	4 48	4 21	9 27
6 37	4 50	5 33	6	56	7	Sat.	6 41	4 47	5 34	10 15
6 38	4 49	rises	7	43	8	S.	6 42	4 45	rises	11 4
6 40	4 48	5 58	8	28	9	Mo.	6 43	4 44	5 54	11 50
6 41	4 47	6 41	9	12	10	Tu.	6 44	4 43	6 36	Ev 35
6 42	4 46	7 29	9	58	11	We.	6 46	4 42	7 23	1 20
6 43	4 45	8 22	10	44	12	Th.	6 47	4 41	8 17	2 8
6 44	4 44	9 17	11	33	13	Fri.	6 48	4 40	9 12	3 0
6 46	4 43	10 17	Ev	25	14	Sat.	6 49	4 39	10 13	3 50
6 47	4 42	11 15	1	21	15	S.	6 51	4 39	11 11	4 40
6 48	4 41	morn	2	20	16	Mo.	6 52	4 38	morn	5 34
6 49	4 40	14	3	15	17	Tu.	6 53	4 37	11	6 30
6 50	4 39	1 12	4	2	18	We.	6 54	4 36	1 11	7 22
6 51	4 39	2 13	4	42	19	Th.	6 56	4 35	2 12	8 10
6 53	4 38	3 12	5	21	20	Fri.	6 57	4 34	3 12	8 56
6 54	4 38	4 14	6	0	21	Sat.	6 58	4 34	4 15	9 40
6 55	4 37	5 18	6	37	22	S.	6 59	4 33	5 20	10 25
6 56	4 36	6 26	7	18	23	Mo.	7 0	4 32	6 29	11 10
6 57	4 36	sets	7	59	24	Tu.	7 2	4 32	sets	11 50
6 58	4 35	6 9	8	45	25	We.	7 3	4 31	6 3	morn
6 59	4 35	7 6	9	34	26	Th.	7 4	4 31	7 0	35
7 0	4 35	8 11	10	30	27	Fri.	7 5	4 30	8 5	1 25
7 2	4 34	9 21	11	35	28	Sat.	7 6	4 30	9 16	2 15
7 3	4 34	10 34	morn		29	S.	7 7	4 30	10 30	3 10
7 4	4 34	11 46	47		30	Mo.	7 8	4 29	11 43	4 6

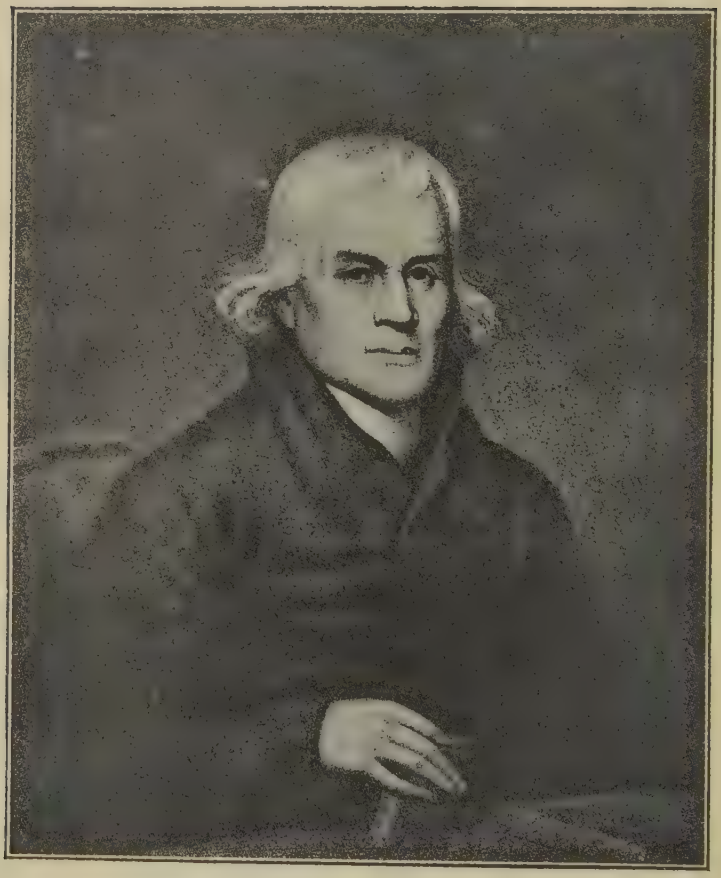
Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight

DECEMBER

MOON'S PHASES.	East. Time	Cent. Time	W'st Time
Full Moon. ..... 7 D.	4 H. 44 M.	3 H. 44 M.	2 H. 44 M.
Last Quarter....15D.	4 H. 12 M.	3 H. 12 M.	2 H. 12 M.
New Moon.....23 D.	6H. 49 M.	5 H. 49 M.	4 H. 49 M.
FirstQuarter.... 30D.	0 H. 40 M.	11 H.40(29)	10 H.40(29)

New-York City, Phil., Conn., New Jersey, Penn., O., Ind. and Ill. — MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.	D. OF MONTH.	D. OF WEEK.	Boston, New England, New-York, Mich., Wis., Iowa and Oregon. — MEAN TIME			Stan. Time.
Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. N. Y. GOV. I.			Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon sets	H.W. Bos'n N.Yd
7 5	4 34	morn	2 2	1	Tu.	7 10	4 29	morn	5 10
7 6	4 33	56	3 8	2	We.	7 11	4 29	55	6 10
7 7	4 33	2 7	4 6	3	Th.	7 12	4 28	2 7	7 10
7 8	4 33	3 17	5 0	4	Fri.	7 13	4 28	3 18	8 8
7 9	4 32	4 26	5 48	5	Sat.	7 14	4 28	4 29	9 4
7 10	4 32	5 37	6 36	6	S.	7 15	4 28	5 40	9 55
7 11	4 32	rises	7 20	7	Mo.	7 16	4 28	rises	10 44
7 12	4 32	5 19	8 5	8	Tu.	7 17	4 28	5 13	11 30
7 13	4 32	6 11	8 48	9	We.	7 17	4 28	6 4	Ev 15
7 14	4 32	7 0	9 31	10	Th.	7 18	4 28	6 55	1 0
7 15	4 32	8 3	10 14	11	Fri.	7 19	4 28	7 58	1 45
7 15	4 32	9 4	10 55	12	Sat.	7 20	4 28	8 59	2 30
7 16	4 33	10 3	11 38	13	S.	7 21	4 28	9 59	3 15
7 16	4 33	11 1	Ev 24	14	Mo.	7 22	4 28	10 59	4 0
7 17	4 33	11 58	1 12	15	Tu.	7 22	4 29	11 57	4 54
7 18	4 33	morn	2 5	16	We.	7 23	4 29	morn	5 42
7 18	4 33	58	2 54	17	Th.	7 24	4 29	58	6 35
7 19	4 34	1 58	3 45	18	Fri.	7 24	4 29	1 59	7 25
7 20	4 34	3 0	4 38	19	Sat.	7 25	4 30	3 2	8 15
7 20	4 35	4 6	5 25	20	S.	7 26	4 30	4 9	9 8
7 21	4 35	5 13	6 10	21	Mo.	7 26	4 31	5 18	9 55
7 21	4 36	6 23	7 0	22	Tu.	7 26	4 31	6 29	10 42
7 22	4 37	sets	7 48	23	We.	7 27	4 32	sets	11 30
7 22	4 37	5 56	8 38	24	Th.	7 27	4 32	5 50	morn
7 23	4 38	7 6	9 30	25	Fri.	7 28	4 33	7 1	16
7 23	4 39	8 20	10 28	26	Sat.	7 28	4 33	8 16	1 6
7 23	4 39	9 36	11 30	27	S.	7 28	4 34	9 33	2 0
7 23	4 40	10 48	morn	28	Mo.	7 29	4 35	10 47	2 52
7 24	4 40	11 59	34	29	Tu.	7 29	4 36	11 59	3 48
7 24	4 41	morn	1 40	30	We.	7 29	4 37	morn	4 45
7 24	4 42	1 8	2 45	31	Th.	7 30	4 37	1 9	5 45

Heavy figures, 12 noon to 12 midnight



Bishop Francis Asbury
President of the General Conference in 1808

III

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion.—Psa. 87. 2

GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP

THE increase in membership for the first seven years of the twentieth century, 1901–1907 inclusive, is shown in the following table; the membership of the Conferences held late in November and in December is based on the official figures for 1906:

Dec. 31	Probationers	Full Members	Total Membership	Increase	Per cent of gain
1900	277,402	2,651,481	2,928,883	.....	....
1901	273,235	2,678,999	2,952,234	23,351	0.080
1902	286,620	2,713,675	3,000,295	48,061	1.628
1903	284,498	2,747,420	3,031,918	31,623	1.054
1904	288,532	2,781,589	3,070,121	38,203	1.260
1905	315,393	2,832,899	3,148,292	78,171	2.541
1906	331,361	2,903,163	3,234,524	86,232	2.739
1907	346,155	2,957,066	3,303,221	68,697	2.121

Increase: 1907 over 1900, 374,338
1907 over 1906, 68,697

CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES

The increase in churches and parsonages, the value and indebtedness of the same in 1907 over 1906, that is, for the first seven years of the twentieth century, is shown in the following table, the records for 1906 being used for Conferences held late in November and in December:

Dec. 31	Churches	Value	Parsonages	Value	Combined Value	Indebtedness	Net Value
1900	27,294	$118,109,397	11,189	$18,855,263	$136,964,660	$11,893,345	$125,071,315
1901	27,569	120,646,701	11,467	19,608,461	140,255,162	11,373,019	128,882,143
1902	27,920	126,252,134	12,063	20,561,103	146,813,237	11,053,133	135,760,104
1903	28,207	131,350,450	12,084	21,578,412	152,928,862	11,034,073	141,894,789
1904	28,439	136,474,129	12,318	22,300,271	158,774,400	10,887,285	146,887,115
1905	28,753	141,669,017	12,487	23,919,386	165,588,403	11,301,440	154,286,963
1906	29,091	150,296,411	12,784	25,621,624	175,918,035	12,044,758	163,873,277
1907	29,523	163,094,874	13,079	26,829,150	186,924,024	12,127,248	174,796,776
Increase over 1900	2,229	41,985,477	1,890	7,973,887	49,959,364	233,903	49,725,461

The average value of Churches in 1900 was $4,327.
The average value of Churches in 1907 was $5,423.
The average value of Parsonages in 1900 was $1,608.
The average value of Parsonages in 1907 was $2,051.
The per cent. of indebtedness to value of churches and parsonages in 1900 was 8.683, and in 1907 6.409.

RECORD OF THE EPISCOPACY

THE Episcopal College consists of twenty-six members—twenty general superintendents and seven missionary bishops. An historical sketch of the sixty-four men who have been elevated to the episcopacy by the church from its organization in 1784 to the present time is herewith presented:

1. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Consecrated	NAMES	BORN	ENTER'D MINISTRY		REMARKS
			Conference	Y'r	
1784	Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes	1778	Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 66.
1784	Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes	1767	Died in Va., Mar. 31, 1816, aged 70.
1800	Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes	1769	Died in Del., July 5, 1806, aged 70.
1808	William McKendree	July 6, 1757	M. E. Ch	1788	Died in Tenn., Mar. 5, 1835, aged 77.
1816	Enoch George	Mar. 10 1768	M. E. Ch	1790	Died in Va. Aug. 23, 1828, aged 60.
1816	Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802	Died in Ind., Mar. 26, 1843, aged 64.
1824	Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New Eng	1799	Bish. M. E. Ch., S'h, '46; d. Mar. 6, '67.
1824	Elijah Hedding	June 7, 1780	New York	1801	D. in Po'keepsie, April 9, '52, aged 71.
1832	James O. Andrew	Jan. 7, 1794	S. Carolina	1812	Bish. M. E. Ch., S'h, '46, d. Mar. 2, '71.
1832	John Emory	April 11, 1789	Philadelphia	1810	Died in Md., Dec. 16, 1835, aged 46.
1836	Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809	Died in Md., Feb. 9, 1858, aged 68.
1836	Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	Died in O., Sept. 2, 1874, aged 80.
1844	Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1832	Resigned '52; d. in Ia., Feb. 22, '65.
1844	Edmund S. Janes	April 28, 1807	Philadelphia	1830	D. in N. Y. city, Sept. 18, '76, a. 69.
1852	Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Philadelphia	1826	D. in Odessa, Del., July 13, '82, a. 79.
1852	Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1833	Died in Phila., June 18, '84, aged 72.
1852	Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp	1839	D. in Conc'd, N. H., Dec. 20, '71, a. 59.
1852	Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	D. in Baltimore, April 25, '79, a. 72.
1864	Davis W. Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843	D. in Cincinnati, May 23, '71, aged 59.
1864	Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	D. in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
1864	Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	D. in Beirut, Syria, April 6, 1870.
1872	Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	College Pres. when elected.
1872	William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	D. in N Y. city, Sept. 2, '87, aged 69.
1872	Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	D. in Newton C'ter, Mass., May 1, '03.
1872	Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	E. Genesee	1850	D. in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, '84.
1872	Stephen M. Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	Died in Keyport, N. J., Nov. 12, '05.
1872	Edward G. Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	Pastor when elected.
1872	Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. England	1851	D. in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
1872	Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	D. in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
1880	Henry W. Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	N. England	1855	Pastor when elected.
1880	Cyrus D. Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	College Pres. when elected.
1880	John F. Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1858	D. in Bethesda, Md., May 4, 1903.
1880	Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848	D. in Salem, Ore., Aug. 2, 1881.
1884	William X. Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black River	1856	D. in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
1884	John M. Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	Book Agent when elected.
1884	Willard F. Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	N. England	1858	Presiding Elder when elected.
1884	Charles H. Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	Missionary Sec'y when elected.
1888	John H. Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	Sec'y S. S. Union when elected.
1888	James N. FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	D. in Hongkong, April 4, 1907.
1888	Isaac W. Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind	1859	D. in Minneapolis, July 28, 1905.
1888	John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1849	D. in Saratoga, N. Y., July 5, 1899.
1888	Daniel A. Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	Sec'y Board of Ed. when elected.
1896	Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	D. in New York city, Dec. 19, 1906.
1896	Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	Book Agent when elected.
1900	David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1838	Ohio	1860	Editor when elected.
1900	John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1866	Sec'y Freedmen's Aid when elected.
1904	Joseph F. Berry	May 13, 1856	Detroit	1874	Gen. Sec. Ep. League when elected.
1904	Henry Spellmeyer	Nov. 25, 1847	Newark	1869	Pastor when elected.
1904	William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	Sec. Board of Ed. when elected.
1904	James W. Bashford	May 27, 1849	New England	1880	College Pres. when elected.
1904	William Burt	Oct. 23, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	Missionary when elected.
1904	Luther B. Wilson	Nov. 14, 1856	Baltimore	1878	Presiding Elder when elected.
1904	Thomas B. Neely	June 12, 1841	Philadelphia	1865	Sec. S. S. U. and Tract Sc.wh. elected.

2. Missionary Bishops

Consecrated	NAMES	Born	Enter'd Ministry: Conference	Enter'd Ministry: Y'r	Remarks
1858	Francis Burns	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
1866	John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	Died in Liberia, Jan. 30, 1875.
1884	William Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	Died in Palo Alto, May 18, 1902.
1888	James M. Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	Presiding Elder when elected.
1896	Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Cent. Ill.	1868	Sec'y Freedmen's Aid when elected.
1900	Edwin W. Parker	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont	1857	D. at Naini Tal, India, June 3, 1901.
1900	Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ont., Can. Ch.	1874	P. E. Ben.-Burma Conf. when elected.
1904	Isaiah B. Scott	Sept. 30, 1854	Tennessee	1880	Editor when elected.
1904	William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1854	Michigan	1883	Asst. Sec. Miss. Soc. when elected.
1904	John E. Robinson	Feb. 12, 1849	Cent. Ill.	1874	Presiding Elder when elected.
1904	Merriman C. Harris	July 9, 1846	Pittsburg	1869	Supt. and Pres. Elder when elected.

For Liberia, Burns and Roberts. For Africa, Taylor, Hartzell and Scott. For India and Malaysia, Thoburn. For Southern Asia, Parker, Warne, Oldham and Robinson. For Japan and Korea, Harris.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCES

The residences of the bishops, as fixed by the General Conference of 1904, for the quadrennium of 1904–08, are:

Thomas Bowman, D.D., LL.D., 66 N. Walnut St., East Orange, N. J.
E. G. Andrews, D.D., LL.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., and The Brevoort, Brooklyn, N. Y.
H. W. Warren, D.D., LL.D., University Park, Colo.
C. D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., 2043 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. M. Walden, D.D., LL.D., 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.
W. F. Mallalieu, D.D., LL.D., Auburndale (Boston), Mass.
C. H. Fowler, D.D., LL.D., 150 Fifth Avenue and 338 West Seventy-second Street, New York, N. Y.
J. H. Vincent, D.D., LL.D., Indianapolis, Ind.
D. A. Goodsell, D.D., LL.D., 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.
Earl Cranston, D.D., LL.D., Washington, D. C.
D. H. Moore, D.D., LL.D., Portland, Ore.
J. W. Hamilton, D.D., 435 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, Cal.
J. F. Berry, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer, D.D., 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.
W. F. McDowell, D.D., 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.
J. W. Bashford, D.D., LL.D., Shanghai, China.
William Burt, D.D., 22 Englischviertel Strasse, Zurich, Switzerland.
L. B. Wilson, D.D., Chattanooga, Tenn.
T. B. Neely, D.D., LL.D., Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, and 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
J. M. Thoburn, D.D., LL.D., Bombay, India.
J. C. Hartzell, D.D., LL.D., Funchal, Madeira Islands, Africa.
F. W. Warne, D.D., Lucknow, India.
I. B. Scott, D.D., Monrovia, Liberia.
W. F. Oldham, D.D., Singapore, Straits Settlements.
J. E. Robinson, D.D., Calcutta, India.
M. C. Harris, D.D., Tokyo, Japan.

AN EPISCOPAL STUDY

It is an interesting fact that whereas as many as eight General Superintendents have been elected at one session of the General Conference, ten sessions have been held since the Conference became a delegated body in 1812 at which no General Superintendents were elected, namely those of 1812, 1820, 1828, 1840, 1848, 1856, 1860, 1868, 1876, 1892. The number elected, 53 in all, at each of the several sessions of the Conferences, 1784 to 1904 inclusive, is as follows: 1784, 2; 1800, 1; 1808, 1; 1816, 2; 1824, 2; 1832, 2; 1836, 2; 1844, 2; 1852, 4; 1864, 3; 1872, 8; 1880, 4; 1884, 4; 1888, 5; 1896, 2; 1900, 2; 1904, 7=53. Of the eleven Missionary Bishops, 1 was elected in 1858, 1 in 1866, 1 in 1884, 1 in 1888, 1 in 1896, 2 in 1900, 4 in 1904. From the date of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784 to and including 1904 the number of General Superintendents elected was 53; Missionary Bishops, 11; total number of Bishops, 64. Of the 53 General Superintendents, 34 have died, 19 still survive, 13 of whom are effective, and 6 non-effective. Of the 11 Missionary Bishops 4 have fallen, 7 survive. The average age of the 53 General Superintendents when elected was $49\frac{5}{53}$ years. The oldest of the 53 when elected was Bishop Whatcoat, 64; the youngest Bishop Janes, 37. Of the 11 Missionary Bishops the oldest when elected was Bishop Parker, 67; the youngest Bishop Warne, 46. The average age of the 13 effective General Superintendents in 1907 is $61\frac{7}{13}$ years; the aggregate years being 800. The average age of the 7 Missionary Bishops is $59\frac{1}{7}$ years; the aggregate of years being 414. The average age of the 6 surviving non-effective Bishops is $79\frac{1}{6}$ years; the sum of their years being 475. The oldest is Bishop Bowman, 90; the youngest, Bishop Foss, 73. The 34 General Superintendents who have died attained an average age of $68\frac{3}{7}$ years; the 4 Missionary Bishops, $66\frac{1}{2}$ years. Bishop Soule, elected in 1824 at the age of 43 years, died in 1867 at the age of 86 years. His longevity exceeded that of any of the 34 who have fallen; Bishop Emory died at the age of 46, the youngest of the 34. His death was due to an accident. Bishops Soule and Andrews were elected Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1846, and died in that communion. Bishop Hamline resigned in 1852 on account of long continued ill health. His election occurred at the General Conference session in 1844, and thus he had served for 8 years. He died in 1865.

MINISTERIAL RECORD

There were 799 accessions to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1906 from the following sources:

Received on trial	734	
Received on credentials	65	
Total		799

The losses for the year aggregated 559, as follows:

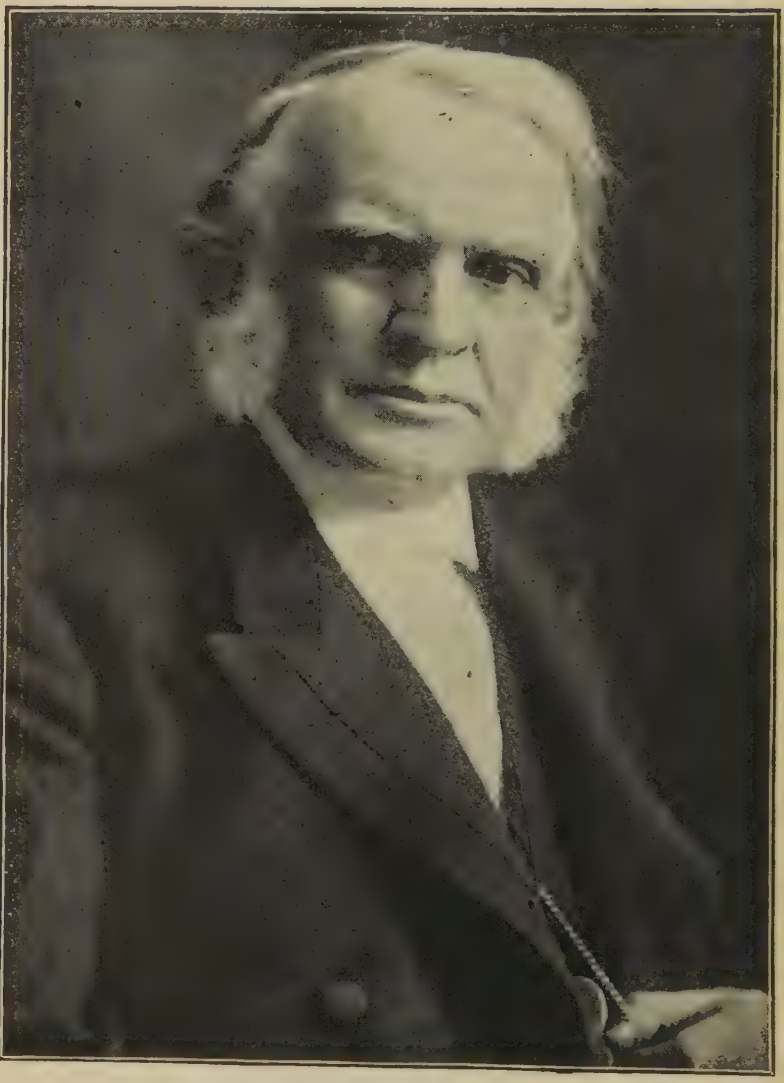
Deaths	304	
Discontinued, Located, Withdrawn, Expelled	255	559
Net gain		240

The sixty-five ministers received on credentials from other communions were as follows:

Congregational, 2; Protestant Episcopal, 1; United Brethren, 11; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 7; English Lutheran, 1; United Evangelical, 1; Presbyterian, 3; Free Methodist, 2; Presbyterian of Japan, 1; Regular Baptist, 2; Methodist Church of Canada, 3; Baptist, 5; Wesleyan Methodist Connection, 3; Christian Methodist, 1; African Methodist Episcopal, 5; Cumberland Presbyterian, 4; United Evangelical, 3; Christian, 1; African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 1; Colored Methodist Episcopal, 1; Primitive Methodist, 1; Freewill Baptist, 1; Methodist Protestant, 2; Evangelical Church of Italy, 1; Swiss National Church, 1.

NEW ENGLAND METHODISM

Considering the somewhat diminished gains in membership in 1907 as compared with 1906 throughout the Church as a whole the New England Conferences make a decidedly favorable showing. The gain in membership by the New England Conference, namely, 808, is as surprising as it is gratifying. The six New England Conferences, namely, Maine, East Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England and New England Southern, show an aggregate gain of 1,419 as compared with 1,236 in 1906. The net gain, 1,419 on 115,384, was 1.230 per cent.



Bishop Charles C. McCabe, D.D., LL.D.

BISHOP CHARLES CARDWELL McCABE, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop McCabe was the forty-third among the fifty-three men who have been elected general superintendents of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The whole number of Bishops, General Superintendents, and Missionary Bishops who have served the Church is sixty-four. Bishops Joyce and McCabe were born on the same day, October 11, 1836, both in the State of Ohio; the former was translated July 28, 1905, the latter December 19, 1906.

Bishop McCabe was admitted on trial to the Ohio Conference in 1860 and stationed at Putnam, where he remained until he entered the army as chaplain in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. In 1863, at the battle of Winchester, while engaged in ministering to the wounded, he was captured by an advance of the Confederate forces, and for four months was confined in the tobacco warehouse, surnamed Libby Prison, whose reputation for inadequate provisions for the humane treatment of prisoners was surpassed only by that of Andersonville. While there Chaplain McCabe was sent to the hospital sick with typhoid fever. In a few days General William H. Powell, who was suffering greatly from a wound, was sent there also. The family of General Powell has in its possession a journal in which are the general records of what he did for Chaplain McCabe in those days. He found him supposed to be dying with the fever. He sat down by the chaplain's side and took out a pair of pocket scissors, with which he cut off his long hair which hung down to his shoulders, and his long beard which hung down to his breast. He then secured from the physician of the prison an insect exterminator, which soon relieved him of part of his suffering. The next day he gave him a bath with his own hands, and then asked the prison cook for permission to go to the kitchen that he might secure something which he could eat. On October 3, 1863, General Powell took down from Chaplain McCabe's lips, sentence by sentence, a letter addressed to Mrs. McCabe, and while the tone of it was hopeful of recovery, the chaplain thought at the time that it was the last letter his wife would ever receive from him.

In 1868 Chaplain McCabe became Financial Agent of the Board of Church Extension, and in 1873 Assistant Corresponding Secretary thereof, which position he held till 1884, when he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society by the General Conference.

At the General Conference of 1896 Secretary McCabe was elected Bishop, and from the day of his consecration to that high office to the close of his earthly career no man ever served the church with greater fidelity than he. The Bishop's final illness was of short duration. He was stricken with apoplexy December 11, was taken to the New York Hospital, where he lingered until the 19th, when he peacefully passed away.

Funeral services were held in three cities: in New York, on Thursday evening, December 20, in St. Paul's Church; in Philadelphia, December 21, where the body lay in state in Arch Street Church, and in First Church, Evanston, Ill., December 24, where the interment took place.

Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D.D., LL.D.

JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop FitzGerald was the thirty-ninth among the sixty-four incumbents of the Episcopal office in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Eight of the thirty-eight whose election antedated his survive him, namely, Bishops Bowman, Andrews, Warren, Foss, Walden, Mallalieu, Fowler, and Vincent.

Bishop FitzGerald was born July 27, 1837, at Newark, N. J., and died at Hongkong, April 4, 1907, while on a tour of Episcopal visitation in Southern Asia. His age was, therefore, sixty-nine years, eight months, and eight days. He chose as his profession the practice of law and was admitted to the bar, but in 1861 he determined to enter the ministry, and in the following year united with the Newark Conference. He served in the pastoral relation until 1878, and as Presiding Elder from 1878 to 1880; in the latter year he was elected a member of the General Conference, and again in 1884. In 1881 he was elected Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by virtue thereof became a legal member of the General Missionary Committee. This office he held until his elevation to the Episcopacy by the General Conference of 1888.

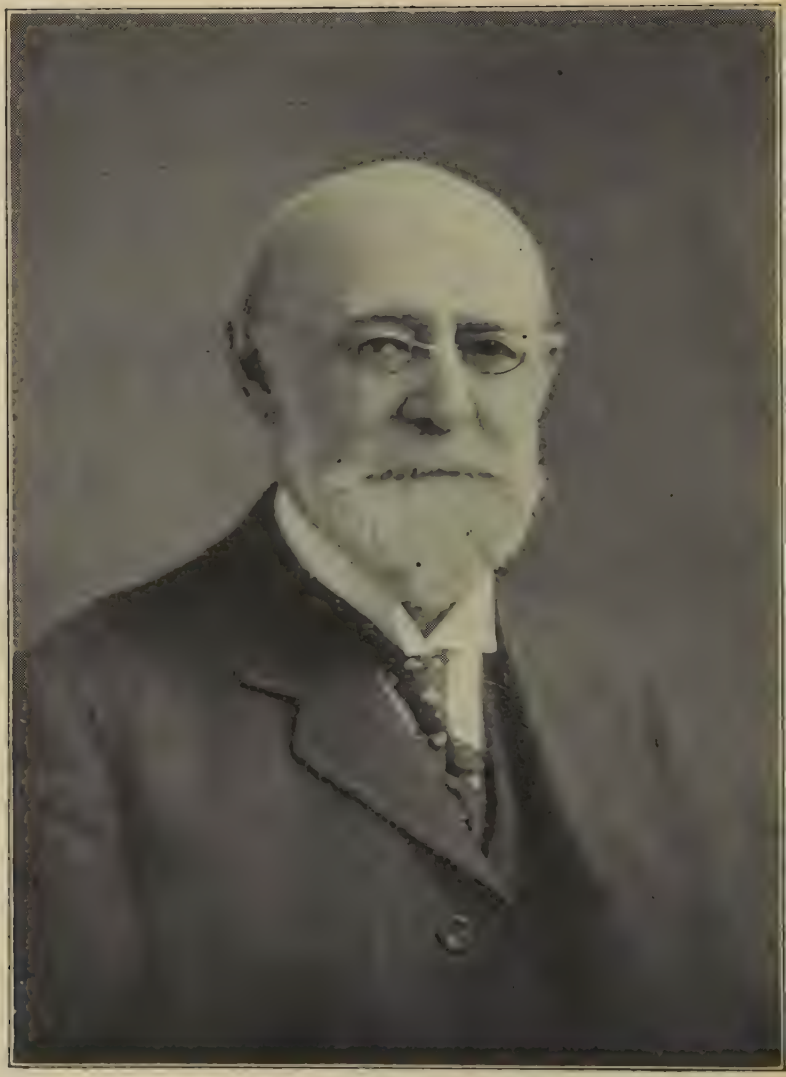
The following tribute to Bishop FitzGerald's character is taken from Dr. J. M. Buckley's editorial, entitled, "Sad News from a Far Country," in the *Christian Advocate* of April 11, 1907:

"As a bishop he was a remarkable presiding officer. Neither in the General Conference nor in any Annual Conference did he ever for a moment lose his self-control. He was a master of parliamentary law. For every decision he had a reason—in the nature of the motion, or in the letter of the law, or in the precedents. He was strong in his prejudices and prepossessions; and as there are cases where the actual issue can, with a very considerable show of reason, be decided in either of two ways, as a single hair added to a ton's weight on either side of a scale might determine the balance, so with him the personal equation might determine a parliamentary decision, and that without his consciousness of the fact." A more sympathetic man never lived, though many less sympathetic have the outward signs which belong to a larger inward experience than time and test reveal. Such also were his domestic relations.

Most mysterious were the afflictions which his faith was destined to bear. His son lost his eyesight, and all that knew Bishop FitzGerald know how tenderly he felt the affliction, as much for himself as for his wife and her boy. It is mysterious that the daughter upon whom the family relied in sickness and in health, at home and abroad, should be doomed to die in a foreign land under extremely painful circumstances.

The Bishop's remains were brought from Hongkong, and reached Newark, N. J., on May 11, 1907. Public obsequies were held in Central Methodist Episcopal Church on Friday, May 17, five bishops and many distinguished ministers and laymen being present.

A special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad bore the funeral party to the cemetery at Linden, where the body, after its long journeying, was tenderly laid in the family plot. Bishop Wilson read the ritual at the grave.



James Marcus King, D.D.

JAMES MARCUS KING, D.D.,

Dr. King was born March 18, 1839, at Girard, Pa., and died in Philadelphia, Pa., October 3, 1907. He joined the Troy Conference in 1866. After serving North Second Street, Troy, and Saratoga Springs as pastor, he was transferred in 1873 to the New York Conference and retained his membership in it until his decease. After filling five pastoral appointments he was in 1894 chosen General Secretary of the National League for the Protection of American Institutions. In 1895 he became pastor of Union Church, New York city. In 1899 he was appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society to fill the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Spencer's elevation to the Corresponding Secretaryship thereof, and in 1900 he was continued in that relation by the General Conference and in 1904 he was elected Corresponding Secretary by the General Conference, Dr. Spencer having died in 1901. He was a member of six consecutive General Conferences and was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conferences of Methodism in London in 1881, in Washington in 1891 and in London in 1901.

Our acquaintance with Dr. King began on the first day of his first pastorate and continued without interruption or estrangement for thirty-nine years, until the hour when he ceased at once both to work and live. At the session of the Troy Conference in 1868, James M. King was appointed preacher-in-charge of North Second Street (now Fifth Avenue) Methodist Episcopal Church in Troy, N. Y. The writer was Superintendent of the Sunday school in that church. Not a member of the church knew the appointee even by name, and on receipt of tidings of the appointment the question was passed from lip to lip, "Who is James M. King?" Suffice it to say not many hours elapsed before we knew who he was and what he was, so pronounced was his individuality. In the prime of early manhood—he was in his thirtieth year—aflame with holy zeal, endowed with high ambition, with mental vigor and a personality that quickly asserted itself in any community where his lot was cast, his pastorate was aggressive, vigorous, and eminently successful. From that charge Dr. King was appointed in 1871 to Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Later on we removed thither and he became again our pastor. In 1873 he was transferred to the New York Conference; and it came to pass in process of time that we removed to New York city and Dr. King became for the third time our pastor. We are persuaded that we knew Dr. King more intimately than did any other man. During his pastorate in Troy few were the days that did not witness the warm clasping of each other's hands, the interchange of friendly greetings and mutual consultations pertaining to the interests of the kingdom of God. Dr. King shared in our joys, bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, comforted us in our bereavements and wept with us over the loved forms of our coffined dead. An overwhelming sense of personal bereavement fell upon us when, without warning, the sad tidings of his departure reached us. For the friendship of such a man as Dr. King is a life treasure, a perpetual benediction. Its rending entails a loss which only reunion in "the excellent glory" of the world to come can restore to us. We leave it for other pens to trace the record of Dr. King's heroic achievements for God and humanity, contenting ourselves with this heartfelt testimony to the blending of our lives through a period of twoscore never-to-be-forgotten years.—S. V. R. F.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

This organization has for its object the consideration of "the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The following are the officers of the Association:

President, J. R. Day, LL.D., Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.; *Vice-President*, Samuel Plantz, D.D., Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis.; *Secretary and Treasurer*, ———. The next meeting of the Association will be held January 8–10, 1908, at Jacksonville, Ill.

STUDIES IN MEMBERSHIP

We have taken some pains to prepare a series of studies pertaining to the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church for this issue of the Year Book. Since it is the mission of the church "to seek and to save the lost"—to gather them into the Redeemer's fold—the membership of the church, numerically considered, is of fundamental importance. The full measure of the responsibility of the church for the world's evangelization can only be predicated of the number of its communicants. The spiritual status of the church, the consecration of its wealth to God's service, the response of the church to the claims of the mission work upon its resources—these are vitally important subjects for prayer and consideration, but they are based upon the assumption that the visible church of Christ is "a congregation of faithful men" and women, the individuals composing which are designated by the term "members"; hence we say that the membership is the major factor in the organic structure of a religious denomination.

A study of the membership of certain of our Conferences from 1896 to 1906—ten years—reveals the surprising fact that whereas the Baltimore, the Philadelphia, and the Delaware Conferences show large gains, Wilmington Conference, occupying intermediate territory between Baltimore and Philadelphia Conferences, shows a loss of 190 members. Washington Conference, in comparison with Delaware, is likewise shown to a disadvantage. Here are the figures:

	1896	1906	Increase	Decrease
Baltimore	47,855	52,330	4,475	...
Philadelphia	73,138	84,609	11,471	...
Wilmington	42,730	42,540	....	190
Delaware	19,689	24,328	4,639	...
Washington	31,057	30,495	....	562

We state the facts, but leave the explanation of them to wiser heads.

Membership in the Twentieth Century

The following table shows the growth of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church by Conferences and Missions, for the first six years of the twentieth century, 1901–1906 inclusive. The membership for 1900 is given, since the nineteenth century ended and the twentieth century began on the basis thus presented, thereby giving data for a six years' comparison, namely, 1906 as against 1900.

Conferences and Missions	Membership, including Probationers								
	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	Increase	Decrease
Alabama	9,424	9,182	9,155	8,961	9,089	9,251	9,087	..	337
Alaska	....	....	....	34	71	74	102	102	....
Andes	1,318	1,326	1,503	1,965	2,676	2,921	3,134	1,816	....
Arizona	1,120	1,142	1,170	1,160	1,321	1,410	1,464	344	....
Arkansas	5,470	6,051	5,241	5,381	5,457	5,888	5,715	245	....
Atlanta	14,840	14,380	14,432	14,761	14,727	15,173	15,064	224	....
Atlantic	1,430	1,491	1,329	1,382	1,324	1,529	1,673	243	....
Austin	3,131	3,024	3,007	3,241	3,160	3,317	3,207	76	....
Baltimore	48,984	49,583	49,796	49,651	50,670	51,336	52,330	3,346	....
Bengal	2,448	2,441	2,474	2,339	2,305	2,341	2,481	33	....
Black Hills	1,220	1,209	1,190	1,194	1,026	1,062	1,104	....	116
Blue Ridge	7,689	7,310	7,560	7,287	7,430	7,632	7,387	....	302
Bombay	6,341	6,125	9,805	12,555	14,428	12,184	14,135	7,794	....
Bulgaria	269	279	314	362	368	401	432	163	....
Burma	....	....	540	542	717	848	899	899	....
California	20,381	19,969	20,276	20,711	20,635	21,091	20,774	393	....
California German	920	905	943	1,034	1,044	1,136	1,135	215	....
Central Alabama	11,157	5,589	5,829	5,757	6,291	5,399	5,194	....	5,963
Central China	4,009	4,802	6,154	1,991	1,981	1,946	2,087	....	1,922
Central German	14,525	14,229	14,269	14,232	14,154	14,237	14,359	....	166
Central Illinois	37,403	37,386	37,557	37,269	37,009	38,223	39,353	1,950	....
Central Missouri	7,115	7,686	7,968	6,254	6,480	6,738	7,417	302	....
Central New York	40,957	40,751	40,517	40,391	40,073	40,738	41,843	886	....
Central Ohio	50,865	51,887	52,927	52,998	53,617	55,617	57,003	6,138	....
Central Pennsylvania	68,887	69,636	70,081	70,384	70,983	72,499	73,986	5,099	....
Central Provinces	....	....	....	....	....	2,902	3,125	3,125	....
Central Swedish	5,523	5,713	5,888	5,963	6,113	6,332	6,351	828	....
Central Tennessee	7,383	7,044	7,105	7,104	7,235	7,713	7,512	129	....
Chicago German	9,101	9,220	9,197	9,343	9,474	9,437	9,481	380	....
Chinese	....	....	....	....	....	232	270	270	....
Cincinnati	54,602	54,653	54,638	53,565	54,251	55,083	55,548	946	....
Colorado	16,427	17,434	18,505	20,343	20,302	21,586	22,618	6,191	....
Columbia River	9,474	9,770	10,742	12,063	13,495	13,324	14,897	5,423	....
Dakota	11,353	11,420	11,218	11,444	11,969	12,476	13,071	1,718	....
Delaware	21,770	21,990	21,980	21,969	22,484	22,844	24,328	2,558	....
Denmark	3,440	3,489	3,465	3,407	3,408	3,523	3,526	86	....
Des Moines	51,439	50,781	51,881	51,734	51,866	52,589	54,234	2,795	....
Detroit	52,385	53,681	53,500	53,901	53,747	55,978	56,001	3,616	....
East Central Africa	....	254	246	457	457	1,008	1,008	1,008	....
East German	5,424	5,538	5,473	5,525	5,423	5,378	5,402	....	22
East Maine	10,027	9,637	9,600	9,375	9,354	9,554	9,583	....	444
East Ohio	73,634	74,038	76,182	77,222	78,894	80,307	81,558	7,924	....
East Oklahoma	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
East Tennessee	5,125	5,044	4,770	4,803	5,066	5,192	5,066	....	59
Eastern Swedish	....	....	3,709	3,900	4,073	4,085	4,131	4,131	....
Erie	46,426	46,686	47,288	48,173	49,012	49,850	50,133	3,707	....
Finland & St. Petersburg	955	977	1,012	1,048	1,088	1,208	1,268	313	....
Florida	5,032	4,968	5,013	5,176	5,148	5,394	5,158	126	....
Foochow	9,147	9,147	8,958	9,571	10,909	12,121	12,785	3,638	....
Genesee	43,112	43,562	43,929	44,343	43,645	44,272	45,449	2,337	....
Georgia	3,500	3,622	3,489	3,469	3,492	3,579	3,564	64	....
Gulf	2,079	2,202	2,388	2,663	3,227	3,261	3,765	1,686	....

Conferences and Missions	Membership, including Probationers								
	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	Increase	Decrease
Hinghua	5,134	4,641	3,919	3,919	3,927	4,161	4,515	....	619
Hawaii	....	....	....	....	....	761	761	761	....
Holston	24,220	24,281	23,699	25,201	25,362	25,747	26,735	2,515	....
Idaho	1,643	1,867	2,179	2,533	2,842	4,227	4,633	2,990	....
Illinois	66,996	67,660	68,422	66,736	66,803	69,090	71,370	4,374	....
Indiana	88,707	88,825	90,874	92,182	91,938	92,802	94,748	6,041	....
Indian Territory	....	....	....	....	....	1,427	1,811	1,811	....
Iowa	32,941	33,197	32,908	32,547	32,428	33,027	33,629	688	....
Italy	2,278	2,354	2,457	2,742	2,705	3,374	3,449	1,171	....
Japan	4,532	4,744	5,272	5,160	5,172	5,289	5,473	941	....
Kalispell	....	305	370	414	496	508	494	494	....
Kansas	27,301	27,243	28,233	28,115	27,662	27,886	29,055	1,754	....
Kentucky	23,531	22,818	23,173	24,308	24,233	25,302	25,018	1,487	....
Korea	3,897	4,768	5,855	6,915	6,985	7,796	12,790	8,893	....
Lexington	10,321	10,551	10,904	10,927	10,976	10,739	11,132	811	....
Liberia	3,803	3,294	3,274	3,174	3,301	3,291	3,438	....	365
Lincoln	....	....	....	2,041	2,029	2,364	2,497	2,497	....
Little Rock	4,920	5,354	5,538	5,574	5,917	5,553	5,940	1,020	....
Louisiana	14,006	14,592	15,999	16,295	16,378	17,930	20,041	6,035	....
Maine	11,962	11,830	11,906	11,959	11,721	11,625	11,839	....	123
Malaysia	725	1,848	3,493	6,377	8,519	1,759	2,008	1,283	....
Mexico	5,155	5,435	5,335	5,489	5,749	6,032	6,106	951	....
Michigan	52,883	52,929	53,773	53,758	53,257	54,768	54,733	1,850	....
Minnesota	16,671	17,043	17,102	17,375	16,856	17,679	19,467	2,796	....
Mississippi	17,307	19,132	19,874	19,831	21,004	21,860	21,796	4,489	....
Missouri	28,040	27,798	28,951	29,270	28,914	29,667	29,775	1,735	....
Mobile	....	6,110	5,804	5,515	5,205	5,742	5,945	5,945	....
Montana	3,493	3,561	3,482	3,581	3,622	4,094	4,433	940	....
Nebraska	26,169	26,074	26,487	26,756	26,408	26,684	27,022	853	....
Nevada	1,209	1,193	1,100	1,048	1,001	1,010	1,087	....	122
New England	44,245	43,422	43,301	42,720	42,827	42,303	42,667	....	1,578
New England Southern	23,596	23,764	23,158	23,348	23,355	23,439	23,769	173	....
New Hampshire	14,710	14,830	14,449	14,180	14,216	14,171	14,454	....	256
New Jersey	55,787	56,228	55,515	55,673	56,639	56,256	57,882	2,095	....
New Mexico English	924	1,039	1,117	1,218	1,227	1,470	1,512	588	....
New Mexico Spanish	2,439	2,552	2,704	2,757	2,736	2,976	3,117	678	....
New York	59,604	59,407	58,324	57,204	57,430	58,857	59,988	384	....
New York East	65,628	66,772	65,673	66,585	67,861	68,600	71,418	5,790	....
Newark	49,098	49,944	49,950	51,304	51,601	52,501	54,685	5,587	....
North Andes	....	....	....	....	....	246	400	400	....
North Carolina	11,469	11,377	11,055	11,620	11,257	10,960	11,106	....	363
North China	6,454	4,216	4,216	3,795	4,238	5,301	5,733	....	721
North Dakota	6,028	6,557	6,992	7,400	7,735	8,367	8,628	2,600	....
North Germany	8,759	9,233	9,690	10,075	10,512	11,025	12,088	3,329	....
North India	33,018	30,994	31,344	30,329	31,128	33,154	34,637	1,619	....
North Indiana	59,477	58,846	60,663	60,471	61,590	62,835	66,174	6,697	....
North Montana	944	1,069	1,171	1,287	1,134	1,239	1,179	235	....
North Nebraska	14,522	14,645	15,293	15,415	15,120	15,575	16,136	1,614	....
North Ohio	35,759	35,769	36,283	37,173	37,469	38,051	38,605	2,846	....
Northern German	6,237	6,074	6,010	6,159	6,226	6,242	6,286	49	....
Northern Minnesota	14,991	15,452	16,227	16,568	17,162	17,940	18,863	3,872	....
Northern New York	32,406	32,231	31,981	31,850	31,287	31,002	31,281	....	1,125
Northern Swedish	2,749	2,866	2,879	2,888	2,997	3,097	3,101	352	....
Northwest German	4,788	5,134	4,793	4,809	4,808	4,829	4,802	14	....
Northwest India	33,914	36,501	39,323	42,784	43,541	48,848	50,355	16,441	....
Northwest Indiana	41,087	40,446	40,738	40,743	40,866	41,900	43,071	1,984	....
Northwest Iowa	24,176	24,303	24,545	24,683	24,347	24,181	24,415	239	....
Northwest Kansas	15,021	15,243	15,560	15,680	15,598	15,904	16,187	1,166	....
Northwest Nebraska	2,619	2,456	2,469	2,429	2,644	2,731	2,907	288	....
Norway	6,053	5,960	5,894	5,834	5,895	6,308	6,335	282	....
Norwegian and Danish	5,016	4,936	5,100	5,084	5,289	5,400	5,501	485	....
Ohio	73,035	74,489	75,989	75,517	75,578	76,871	79,080	6,045	....
Oklahoma	11,400	12,541	14,054	16,355	17,663	16,753	18,503	7,103	....
Oregon	11,018	11,311	11,367	11,956	12,507	13,720	13,695	2,677	....
Pacific German	935	1,036	1,106	1,211	1,253	1,378	1,445	510	....
Pacific Japanese	....	1,039	1,108	1,271	1,613	905	799	799	....
Philadelphia	76,636	77,800	79,068	79,764	81,277	82,347	84,609	7,973	....
Philippine Islands	....	....	....	....	....	12,866	14,924	14,924	....

Conferences and Missions	Membership, including Probationers								
	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	Increase	Decrease
Pittsburg	60,823	62,377	64,103	65,437	67,538	69,168	71,825	11,002	....
Porto Rico	....	....	835	957	1,203	1,449	1,924	1,924	....
Puget Sound	9,454	10,029	10,975	12,385	13,452	14,818	15,501	6,047	....
Rock River	53,118	54,379	55,620	56,389	58,072	59,023	60,399	7,281	....
Saint Johns River	1,160	1,119	1,094	1,141	1,134	1,189	1,323	163	....
Saint Louis	31,844	32,288	32,663	32,950	33,687	34,356	36,473	4,659	....
Saint Louis German	11,543	11,414	11,114	10,923	11,138	11,046	10,966	....	577
Savannah	8,208	8,411	8,167	8,661	8,494	8,768	8,303	95	....
South America	3,666	3,415	3,639	3,956	4,335	4,198	4,404	738	....
South Carolina	48,498	49,299	51,188	51,569	53,425	51,827	52,170	3,672	....
South Florida	....	....	....	....	....	....	757	757	....
South Germany	9,909	10,082	10,412	10,554	10,708	11,148	11,410	1,501	....
South India	1,820	1,974	2,008	2,109	2,625	2,279	2,984	1,164	....
South Japan	1,088	1,150	1,289	1,566	1,300	1,259	1,404	316	....
South Kansas	25,914	26,384	27,381	28,154	29,107	29,467	30,834	4,920	....
Southern California	15,794	16,620	18,322	20,094	21,665	25,191	26,925	11,131	....
Southern German	2,684	2,786	2,819	2,892	3,042	3,131	3,085	401	....
Southern Illinois	40,548	40,793	40,858	41,948	42,577	44,063	45,274	4,726	....
Southwest Kansas	24,136	24,655	25,591	26,207	26,683	27,136	28,742	4,606	....
Sweden	17,268	17,227	17,077	17,288	16,952	17,082	17,577	309	....
Switzerland	8,420	8,591	8,713	9,007	9,083	9,114	9,313	893	....
Tennessee	9,539	9,703	10,124	9,965	9,880	9,914	9,550	11	....
Texas	15,423	15,057	15,779	15,596	15,434	15,829	14,472	....	951
Troy	49,088	48,639	48,907	48,961	48,974	49,518	49,483	395	....
Upper Iowa	37,824	37,420	37,219	37,091	36,681	36,714	37,341	....	483
Upper Mississippi	22,815	22,558	21,907	20,642	22,509	21,719	21,690	....	1,125
Utah	1,665	1,836	1,640	1,534	1,470	1,514	1,374	....	291
Vermont	13,154	13,292	13,174	12,924	13,173	13,056	13,072	....	82
Virginia	10,735	10,705	10,243	9,919	9,711	9,836	9,759	....	976
Washington	30,754	30,408	29,411	30,042	30,317	30,621	30,495	....	259
West Central Africa	....	196	86	197	197	252	252	252	....
West China	337	337	922	1,289	1,607	2,302	2 658	2,321	....
West German	6,599	6,735	6,756	6,593	6,814	6,872	6,856	257	....
West Nebraska	10,362	9,222	10,211	10,419	10,506	10,668	11,106	744	....
West Texas	12,062	13,120	12,949	12,624	11,548	11,548	11,460	....	602
West Virginia	54,613	53,815	55,024	54,822	55,447	56,259	56,174	1,561	....
West Wisconsin	22,538	22,107	21,900	21,690	21,836	22,659	22,630	92	....
Western Norwegian-Dan.	547	545	592	610	658	700	725	178	....
Western Swedish	2,330	2,419	2,555	2,572	2,580	2,684	2,786	456	....
Wilmington	42,946	41,810	42,442	42,074	41,566	41,945	42,540	....	406
Wisconsin	22,164	22,119	22,819	23,274	23,056	23,397	23,596	1,432	....
Wyoming	46,804	46,844	46,744	47,412	47,190	47,980	49,945	3,141	....
Wyoming Mission	1,072	1,234	1,318	1,293	1,561	1,652	1,693	621	....
Total	2928883	2952234	3000295	3031918	3070121	3148292	3234524	325,996	20,355
Increase	....	23351	48061	31623	38203	78171	86232	....	....

The net increase of 1906 over 1900 is 305,641, equaling 10.435 per cent. The minimum gain was in 1901; the maximum in 1906. Gains were made by 134 Conferences and Missions; losses were sustained by 28. The loss in Central Alabama Conference was occasioned by a division of its territory, the Mobile Conference having been formed out of it in 1901. Of the foreign Conferences, Northwest India registers the largest gain, 16,441, while Southern California leads the domestic Conferences with a gain of 11,131.

The deaths, 1901–1906 inclusive, aggregated 237,835; the total ingathering was therefore 543,476, or 18.558 per cent.

MEMBERSHIP COLORED AND WHITE

The following is a comparative statement of the membership, year territory in the United States for ten years—

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Conferences and Missions	Total Membership	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease
	1896	1897			1898			1899			1900			1901		
Atlanta	....	13049	13049	...	14147	1098	..	13444	..	703	14840	1396	..	14380	...	460
Cent. Alabama	10253	10774	521	...	11266	492	..	11683	417	..	11157	..	526	5589	...	5568
Cent. Missouri	7792	8340	548	...	8275	..	65	7713	..	562	7115	..	598	7686	571	...
E. Tennessee	4858	4973	115	...	5267	294	..	5024	..	243	5125	101	..	5044	...	81
Florida	5646	5090	...	556	5073	..	17	4946	..	127	5032	86	..	4968	...	64
Lexington	10997	10643	...	354	10540	..	103	10544	4	..	10321	..	223	10551	230	...
Lincoln	....	....	...	...	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	...	...
Little Rock	4901	5293	392	...	5226	..	67	5255	29	..	4920	..	335	5354	434	...
Louisiana	14413	13806	...	607	14580	774	..	14233	..	347	14006	..	227	14154	148	...
Mississippi	17705	16309	...	1396	17801	1492	..	18791	990	..	17347	..	1444	19132	1785	...
Mobile	....	....	...	...	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	6110	6110	...
No. Carolina	10137	10567	430	...	10830	263	..	11498	668	..	11469	..	29	11377	...	92
Savannah	21247	8054	...	13193	8598	544	..	8056	..	542	8208	152	..	8411	203	...
So. Carolina	43968	44341	373	..	44524	183	..	46199	1666	..	48498	2308	..	49299	801	...
Tennessee	10272	9486	...	786	9364	..	122	10003	639	..	9539	..	464	9703	164	..
Texas	14703	14703	...	...	15508	805	..	15734	226	..	15423	..	311	15057	...	366
Up. Mississippi	19928	20362	434	...	20712	350	..	20281	..	431	22815	2534	..	22558	...	257
West Texas	10795	10795	...	...	11386	591	..	10861	..	525	12062	1201	..	13120	1058	...
So. Florida Mis.	....	....	...	...	....	..	..	....	..	..	.....	..	..	....	...	...
	207615	206585	15862	16892	213097	6886	374	214256	4639	3480	217877	7778	4157	222493	11504	6888
Delaware	19689	20244	555	...	20884	640	..	21220	336	..	21770	550	..	21909	139	...
Washington	31057	30861	...	196	31580	719	..	29703	..	1877	30754	1051	..	30408	...	346
	258361	257690	16417	17088	265561	8245	374	265179	4975	5357	270401	9379	4157	274810	11643	7234

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Alabama	9017	9071	54	...	9245	174	..	9136	..	109	9424	288	..	9182	...	242
Arkansas	5878	6090	212	...	5979	..	111	5921	..	58	5470	..	451	6051	581	...
Atlantic	....	1104	110	...	1513	409	..	1581	68	..	1430	..	151	1491	61	...
Austin	2367	2367	...	..	3097	730	..	3102	5	..	3131	29	..	3024	...	107
Blue Ridge	8497	7515	..	982	7262	..	253	7543	281	..	7689	146	..	7310	...	379
Cent. Tennessee	6972	7258	286	...	7075	..	183	7368	293	..	7383	15	..	7044	...	339
Georgia	3456	3572	116	...	3475	..	97	3437	..	38	3500	63	..	3622	122	...
Gulf	739	1036	297	...	1658	622	..	1829	171	..	2079	250	..	2202	123	...
Holston	24436	24118	...	318	24581	463	..	23730	..	851	24220	490	..	24281	61	...
Indian Territory	....	....	...	...	....	..	..	....	..	..	.....	..	..	....	...	...
Kentucky	24616	24002	..	614	24954	952	..	24287	..	667	23531	..	756	22818	...	713
Missouri	27542	28444	902	...	27960	..	484	27452	..	508	28040	588	..	27798	...	242
St. Johns River	1146	1176	30	...	1199	23	..	1165	..	34	1160	..	5	1119	...	41
	114666	115753	3001	1914	117998	3373	1128	116551	818	2265	117057	1869	1363	115942	948	2063
St. Louis	31734	32426	692	...	33059	633	..	32432	..	627	31814	..	618	32288	474	...
Virginia	9857	10243	386	...	10121	..	122	10292	171	..	10735	443	..	10705	...	30
	156257	158422	4079	1914	161178	4006	1250	159275	989	2892	159606	2312	1981	158935	1422	2093
Baltimore	47855	48163	308	...	48603	440	..	48541	..	62	48984	443	..	49583	599	...
Wilmington	42730	42662	...	68	42416	..	246	40862	..	1554	42946	2084	..	41810	...	1136
	246842	249247	4387	1982	252197	4446	1496	248678	989	4508	251536	4839	1981	250328	2021	3229

by year, of the Colored and the White Conferences in the same 1896–1906. This statement will repay perusal.

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Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership	Increase	Decrease	Total Membership, including Probationers	Increase	Decrease
1902			1903			1904			1905			1906			1896	1906	
14432	52	..	14761	329	..	14727	..	34	15173	446	..	15064	..	109	....	15064	15064	....
5829	240	..	5757	..	72	6291	534	..	5765	..	526	5194	..	571	10253	5194	....	5059
7968	282	..	6254	..	1714	6480	226	..	6738	258	..	7417	679	..	7792	7417	....	375
4770	..	274	4803	33	..	5066	263	..	5192	126	..	5066	..	126	4858	5066	208	....
5013	45	..	5176	163	..	5148	..	28	5394	246	..	5158	..	236	5646	5158	....	488
10904	a353	..	10927	23	..	10976	49	..	10739	..	237	11132	393	..	10997	11132	135	....
....	..	..	2041	2041	..	2029	..	12	2364	335	..	2497	133	..	....	2497	2497	....
5538	184	..	5574	36	..	5917	343	..	5553	..	364	5940	387	..	4901	5940	1039	....
15999	1845	..	16295	296	..	16378	83	..	17930	1552	..	20041	2111	..	14413	20041	5628	....
19874	742	..	19831	..	43	21004	1173	..	21860	856	..	21796	..	64	17705	21796	4091	....
5804	..	306	5515	..	289	5205	..	310	5742	537	..	5945	203	..	....	5945	5945	....
11055	..	322	11620	565	..	11257	..	363	12130	873	..	12297	167	..	10137	12297	2160	....
8167	..	244	8661	494	..	8494	..	167	8768	274	..	8303	..	465	21247	8303	....	12944
51188	1889	..	1569	381	..	53425	1856	..	51827	..	1598	52170	343	..	43968	52170	8202	....
10124	421	..	9965	..	159	9880	..	85	9914	34	..	9550	..	364	10272	9550	....	722
15779	722	..	15596	..	183	15434	..	162	15829	395	..	14472	..	1357	14703	14472	....	231
21907	..	651	20642	..	1265	22509	1867	..	21719	..	790	21690	..	29	19928	21690	1762	....
12949	..	171	12624	..	325	11548	..	1076	11548	..	..	11460	..	88	10795	11460	665	....
....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	757	757	..	....	757	757	....
227309	6775	1968	227611	4361	4050	231768	6394	2237	234185	5932	3515	235949	5173	3409	207615	235949	48153	19819
21980	71	..	21969	..	11	22484	515	..	22844	360	..	24328	1484	..	19689	24328	4639	....
29411	..	997	30042	631	..	30317	275	..	30621	304	..	30495	..	126	31057	30495	....	562
278691	6846	2965	279622	4992	4061	284569	7184	2237	287650	6596	3515	290772	6657	3535	258361	290772	52792	20381

WHITE

9155	.	27	8961	.	194	9089	128	..	9251	162	..	9087	..	161	9017	9087	70	....
5241	..	810	5381	140	..	5457	76	..	5888	431	..	5715	..	173	5878	5715	....	163
1329	..	162	1382	53	..	1324	..	58	1529	205	..	1673	144	..	....	1673	1673	....
3007	..	17	3241	234	..	3160	..	81	3317	157	..	3207	..	110	2367	3207	840	....
7560	250	..	7287	..	273	7430	143	..	7632	202	..	7387	..	245	8497	7387	....	1110
7105	61	..	7104	..	1	7235	131	..	7713	478	..	7512	..	201	6972	7512	540	....
3489	..	133	3469	..	20	3492	23	..	3579	87	..	3564	..	15	3456	3564	108	....
2388	186	..	2663	275	..	3227	564	..	3261	34	..	3765	504	..	739	3765	3026	....
23699	..	582	25201	1502	..	25362	161	..	25747	385	..	26735	988	..	24436	26735	2299	....
....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	1427	1427	..	1811	384	..	....	1811	1811	....
23173	355	..	24308	1135	..	24233	..	75	25392	1069	..	25018	..	284	24616	25018	402	....
28951	1153	..	29270	319	..	28914	..	356	29667	753	..	29775	108	..	27542	29775	2233	....
1094	..	25	1141	47	..	1134	..	7	1189	55	..	1323	134	..	1146	1323	177	....
116191	2005	1756	119408	3705	488	120057	1226	577	125502	5445	..	126572	2262	1192	114666	126572	13179	1273
32663	375	..	32950	287	..	33687	737	..	34356	669	..	36473	2117	..	31734	36473	4739	....
10243	..	462	9919	..	324	9711	..	208	9836	125	..	9759	..	77	9857	9759	....	98
159097	2380	2218	162277	3992	812	163455	1963	785	169694	6239	..	172804	4379	1269	156257	172804	17918	1371
49796	213	..	49651	..	145	50670	1019	..	51336	666	..	52330	994	..	47855	52330	4475	....
42442	632	..	42074	..	368	41566	..	508	41945	379	..	42540	595	..	42730	42540	....	190
251335	3225	2218	254002	3992	1325	255691	2982	1293	262975	7284	..	267674	5968	1269	246842	267674	22393	1561

COMPARATIVE ANALYSES

	1896	1906	Increase	Per Ct.
I. Colored Membership....	258,361	290,772	32,411	12.545
White Membership.....	2,573,426	2,943,752	370,326	14.390
II. Colored Membership....	258,361	290,772	32,411	12.545
White Membership in the United States....	2,416,674	2,683,934	267,260	11.057
III. Colored Membership....	258,361	290,772	32,411	12.545
White Membership including Baltimore and Wilmington Confer's.	246,842	267,674	20,832	8.439
IV. Colored Membership excluding Delaware Conf. and including membership of Washington Conf. in Virginia only; of Lincoln Conf. in Indian Territory only; of Lexington Conf. in Kentucky only.....	208,165	232,260	24,095	11.575
White Membership excluding Baltimore and Wilmington Confer's.	156,257	172,804	16,547	10.589

NOTE.—In Analysis III Baltimore and Wilmington (white) are inserted to offset Delaware and Washington (colored) Conferences. In Analysis IV it will be seen that the territory covered by the Colored and White work respectively, is practically identical. The Philadelphia district of the Delaware Conference is represented in five states, namely, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. If the Delaware Conference were used as an offset to Wilmington Conference this district should be excluded. Similarly Ohio and Indiana districts in Lexington Conference have no charges in Kentucky, hence, since we insert Kentucky (white) we limit Lexington (colored) to its membership in Kentucky.

Entire Membership, in 1896, 2,831,787; in 1906, 3,234,524; Increase, 402,737 = 14.222 per cent.

It will be observed that whereas the per cent of increase in all fields for ten years, 1897-1906 inclusive, was 14,222, that of the Colored Conferences was only 12,545. But it must not be forgotten that the membership at large enjoys the benefit of an extraordinary per cent of gain made by our foreign Conferences and Missions. The per cent of gain in colored membership in comparison with the white membership in the United States (see analysis 2) was: colored 12,545, white 11,057.

FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP

THE receipt of statistical reports for 1907 from every foreign Conference and Mission, prior to this issue of the YEAR BOOK, enables us to present the following comparisons between the membership for the years 1906–7. The figures for Korea and the Philippine Islands are of striking significance; indeed the entire domain of our foreign work is replete with tokens of encouragement and inspiration. The net increase for 1907 over 1906 is 30,963; the per cent of increase being 11.53. This is a marvelous showing.

CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS	PROBATIONERS				FULL MEMBERS				TOTAL MEMBERSHIP			
	1906	1907	Inc.	Dec.	1906	1907	Inc.	Dec.	1906	1907	Inc.	Dec.
Alaska	4	23	19	...	98	113	15	...	102	136	34	...
Andes	1,422	1,724	302	...	1,712	1,933	221	...	3,134	3,657	523	...
Bengal	1,139	1,332	193	...	1,342	1,358	16	...	2,481	2,690	209	...
Bombay	12,308	13,953	1,645	...	1,827	1,562	...	265	14,135	15,515	1,380	...
Bulgaria	90	134	44	...	342	398	56	...	432	532	100	...
Burma	362	416	54	...	537	530	...	7	899	946	47	...
Central China	1,076	1,043	...	33	1,011	1,022	11	...	2,087	2,065	...	22
Central Provinces	1,942	2,577	635	...	1,183	1,372	189	...	3,125	3,949	824	...
Denmark	278	296	18	...	3,248	3,405	157	...	3,526	3,701	175	...
East Central Africa	746	1,172	426	...	262	350	88	...	1,008	1,522	514	...
Finland and Saint Petersburg	379	342	...	37	889	978	89	...	1,268	1,320	52	...
Foochow	6,406	6,461	55	...	6,379	6,482	103	...	12,785	12,943	158	...
Hawaii	342	500	158	...	419	494	75	...	761	994	233	...
Hinghua	1,620	1,882	262	...	2,895	3,251	356	...	4,515	5,133	618	...
Italy	760	928	168	...	2,689	2,761	72	...	3,449	3,689	240	...
Japan	1,820	1,822	2	...	3,653	3,735	82	...	5,473	5,557	84	...
Korea	9,980	19,570	9,590	...	2,810	3,885	1,075	...	12,790	23,455	10665	...
Liberia	690	1,133	443	...	2,748	2,863	115	...	3,438	3,996	558	...
Malaysia	716	929	213	...	1,292	1,381	89	...	2,008	2,310	302	...
Mexico	3,393	3,175	..	218	2,713	2,752	39	...	6,106	5,927	...	179
North Andes	266	270	4	...	134	145	11	...	400	415	15	...
North China	1,648	1,850	202	...	4,088	4,465	377	...	5,736	6,315	579	...
North Germany	4,079	4,080	1	...	8,009	8,413	404	...	12,088	12,493	405	...
North India	20,489	21,265	776	...	14,148	14,873	725	...	34,637	36,138	1,501	...
Northwest India	30,700	33,047	2,347	...	19,655	21,047	1,392	...	50,355	54,094	3,739	...
Norway	566	447	...	119	5,769	5,774	5	...	6,335	6,254	...	114
Philippine Islands	4,361	11,144	6,783	...	10,563	9,534	...	1,029	14,924	20,678	5,754	...
Porto Rico	986	1,380	394	...	938	1,144	206	...	1,924	2,524	600	...
South America	1,588	1,864	276	...	2,816	2,911	95	...	4,404	4,775	371	...
South Germany	1,782	1,753	...	29	9,628	9,843	215	...	11,410	11,596	186	...
South India	1,726	2,228	502	...	1,258	1,204	...	54	2,984	3,432	448	...
South Japan	266	310	44	...	1,138	1,197	59	...	1,404	1,507	103	...
Sweden	1,954	1,666	...	288	15,623	15,916	293	...	17,577	17,582	5	...
Switzerland	1,078	984	...	94	8,235	8,435	200	...	9,313	9,419	106	...
West Central Africa	114	171	57	...	138	159	21	...	252	330	78	...
West China	1,415	1,806	391	...	1,243	1,524	281	...	2,658	3,330	672	...
	118491	143677	26004	818	141432	147209	7132	1355	259923	290886	31278	315

The foreign membership at the close of 1900 was 190,581; at the close of 1907, 290,886; increase in the first seven years of the twentieth century, 99,705, or 52.31 per cent, the average gain per annum being almost exactly $7\frac{1}{2}$ (7.47) per cent. Of the seven years, the last, 1907, registers the greatest gain, namely, 11.53 per cent.

LYRIC HALL, BALTIMORE, WHERE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

On the front cover of the Year Book we present a cut of Eutaw Street Church, Baltimore, Md., which was dedicated by Bishop Asbury during the session of the General Conference in 1808. This the first non-delegated session of the General Conference possesses peculiar historic interest owing to the fact that at that time a written constitution for the Methodist Episcopal Church was adopted.

Still another interesting place of worship in connection with Baltimore Methodism, is "Lovely Lane Chapel" where the "Christmas Conference," so called because of the fact that it was organized on Christmas Eve and continued in session during holiday week, was held in 1784. This has since been reckoned as the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church dates from this Conference. We give a cut of the famous memorial tablet in "Lovely Lane Chapel," and a facsimile of the title page of the "Minutes of several conversations," etc., "Composing a Form of Discipline for the ministers," issued in 1785. We also present, on another page, a cut of Light Street Parsonage, Baltimore, in which the General Conference convened in 1808.

Strictly speaking the first General Conference was organized in 1792, the minutes of which were unfortunately never printed. This was followed by four sessions, in 1796, 1800, 1804, 1808, respectively. These sessions were all held in Baltimore. The Conference was composed of all ministers in full membership in the denomination. On May 1, 1812, the first delegated General Conference convened in John Street Church, New York city. Including this session twenty-four quadrennial sessions have been held. Of this number five have been held in Baltimore, namely, 1816, 1820, 1824, 1840, and 1876. Including the Christmas Conference, Baltimore has had the distinction therefore of entertaining eleven General Conferences, or more than twice the number entertained in any other city. Again the lot has fallen upon this city, so rich in its treasures of our denominational history, and in 1908, on May 6, the twenty-fifth session of the delegated General Conference will be held in Lyric Hall, Baltimore, a cut of which we present herewith.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1908

(Prepared by J. B. Hingeley, D.D., Secretary)

The General Conference will meet in Baltimore, Maryland, May 6, 1908, at ten o'clock A. M.

Arrangements.—Arrangements for the session are made by the Book Committee through the following Commission on Entertainment: Dr. W. F. Whitlock, Delaware, O., chairman; Dr. A. S. Mowbray, Wilmington, Del., secretary; Mr. O. P. Miller, Rock Rapids, Ia., treasurer; Mr. J. A. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mr. Hanford Crawford, Saint Louis, Mo.; Dr. C. E. Bacon, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mr. F. W. Pearsall, Ridgewood, N. J.

Ratio of Representation.—One ministerial delegate for each 45 members of an Annual Conference, and one more for a fractional two-thirds; each Annual Conference being entitled to at least one delegate. The Lay Electoral Conference is entitled to the same number of delegates as the Annual Conference. Both Conferences elect reserve delegates not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of delegates.

Three propositions to reduce representation are being voted on by the Annual and the Lay Electoral Conferences: to decrease the maximum ratio from one in 45 to one in 60, 75, or 90, respectively. The combined vote, ministerial and lay, of the Fall Conferences in the order stated is as follows: 1. Affirmative, 2,246, negative; 5,765. 2. Affirmative, 1,944; negative, 5,770. 3. Affirmative, 2,476; negative, 6,969.

Expenses.—These, met by an annual collection taken in all the churches, amount to about one cent per member per year. This fund also provides for the expenses of commissions, fraternal delegates and other general expenses of the administration. Delegates are paid expenses of transportation and sleeping car by the nearest route; also for meals en route and hotel bill at the seat of Conference at the rate of two dollars per day. Expense bills should be made out early in the session on blanks furnished by the Commission.

Size of Delegations.—The delegations of the Annual Conferences vary in number from two to sixteen. In the General Conference of 1904, there were three Conferences with 16 delegates each; five, with 14 each; nine, with 12 each; thirteen, with 10 each; fourteen, with 8 each; sixteen, with 6 each; twenty-four, with 4 each, and forty-six, with 2 delegates each. A majority of the votes of the 130 Conferences was in the hands of thirty-three Conferences. There were 750 delegates in the General Conference of 1904. An increase of 28 has already been reported. In all probability the General Conference of 1908 will have 800 delegates.

Annual Conferences.—There were on December 31, 1907, 131 Annual Conferences in Methodism. Since 1904, four have been added—Hingua, North Montana, Pacific German, and South Japan; and three have been lost—Japan, South Japan, and Virginia. One hundred and twelve Annual Conferences are situated within the United States, of which ninety-six are English speaking (twenty of these are colored). Ten of these are German; four Swedish, and two

Norwegian-Danish. There are also nineteen foreign conferences distributed as follows: India, 6; China, 3; South America, 2; Germany, 2; Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Mexico, and Africa, 1 each. North America has 113 Conferences; Asia, 9; Europe, 6; South America, 2; Africa, 1. The business of 97 Annual Conferences is carried on in the English tongue. Thirteen use the German language; 5, the Swedish; 3, the Norwegian; 3, the Chinese; 3, the Spanish; 1, the Italian, and 6, the several vernaculars of India. There are also 12 mission Conferences and sixteen missions; but these have no representation in the General Conference.

General Conference Districts.—These—14 in number—are groupings of the Annual Conferences; generally along geographical lines. The First District comprises New England with some foreign conferences. The Seventh District is made up entirely of colored conferences, and the Thirteenth District, of German conferences. Each of the General Conference Districts, except the Thirteenth and Fourteenth, has 56 delegates.

(See Appendix to the Book of Discipline, page 367.)

Organization of Delegations.—The Discipline now requires that each delegation organize immediately after the election by choosing a chairman; and that the selection of places on the Standing Committees be made AT ONCE; and that a report of the selection be sent to the Secretary of the General Conference. (See Appendix to Book of Discipline, page 402.)

From the report so made the Secretary of the General Conference will make out the roll of Standing Committees.

Seats Assigned.—(Discipline, page 401.)

Seats are chosen by lot, in "Contiguous seats in the same Section." But day Delegates who prefer may sit by themselves.

Standing Committees.—There are fourteen Standing Committees. Each Annual Conference is entitled to one layman and one minister on each committee, except the Committee on Judiciary, which has 15 members, fourteen of whom are elected by the General Conference Districts, and one at large. This arrangement will place each delegate on at least two of the Standing Committees. In small conferences each delegate may be on all of them. These committees meet at different times as laid down in the rules. The following Standing Committees meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, viz:

Episcopacy, Itinerancy, Boundaries, Revision, Temporal and State of Church. The following meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, viz:

Book Concern, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Education, Freedmen and Sunday Schools, and Deaconess Work. The Committee on Epworth League meets on Tuesday and Friday. The Committee on Judiciary meets as it chooses, or as ordered by the General Conference. (See Appendix to the Book of Discipline, page 392, rule 36.)

With the exception of the Committee on Boundaries, the Standing Committees organize themselves. But for temporary organization a Bishop generally presides and the Secretary of the General Conference, or one of his assistants, calls the roll and acts as its secretary until the organization is completed. This is done merely to expedite business. The Committee chooses its own chairman and secretary.

The Committee on Boundaries is peculiar in that to it alone has been delegated authority to act *as* the General Conference; and its action is final. The General Conference cannot modify its report. It must either accept or reject it as a whole or return it to the Committee. Since this Committee is the General Conference acting on questions of the boundaries of conferences, missions or districts, a Bishop appointed by the Episcopal Board presides, and a secretary, representing and appointed by the Secretary of the General Conference, keeps the record. Hence it does not organize itself.

Limitations of Standing Committees.—A Standing Committee can consider only matters which have been referred to it by action of the General Conference. Further, Standing Committees must consider all matters which have been referred to them. They must not "kill" anything in the committee. The general process of advancing legislation is this: A member of the church memorializes or petitions the General Conference through a delegate. The General Conference refers the memorial to a Standing Committee. The Standing Committee refers it to sub-Committee. The sub-Committee reports to the Standing Committee, making a recommendation. The Standing Committee reports to the General Conference. The General Conference places it in the Book of Discipline, or the legislative code, or sends it to—oblivion.

Memorials.—Business may come by motion, resolution, petition or memorial. Motions are for immediate action and are generally for the expedition of business. Resolutions come directly from delegates and are generally referred to the appropriate Committee and returned to the Conference in predigested form. Memorials may come from any member, or association of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church anywhere in the world; and may cover any possible question related to any phase of our work or legislation. There were about 800 memorials, etc., sent to the General Conference of 1904. They must be presented by some delegate, written on legal cap paper, and, after being folded, must bear across the fold the following notations:

a. Name of delegate presenting the memorial. *b*. Conference to which he belongs. *c*. Conference, church or member sending it. *d*. Subject to which it relates. *e*. First name on the petition. *f*. Number of other petitioners. *g*. Committee to which it is to be referred. (See Discipline, page 394.)

Reference of Memorials.—The committee is generally indicated by the subject. But by motion, custom or consent, the following references were made in 1904:

To Itinerancy.—Annual Conference Journals.

To Revision.—Blanks, Discipline, Journal, Psalter, Ritual, Rubrics.

To Temporal Economy.—Elections, Lay Conferences, Ratio of Representation, Superannuates.

To State of Church.—Amusements, Baptized Children, Divorce, Evils and Perils, Licensing Women, Membership and Probation, Public Schools, Sabbath Desecration, Sacraments.

Annual Conference Journals.—The Committee on Itinerancy examines and reports concerning the accuracy of the Journals of the several Annual Conferences. In 1904 only about one third of the Annual Conferences presented for examination records which were

correct and which complied with the requirements of the Book of Discipline. The attention of Annual Conference secretaries is called to the Rules governing such examination. (See Book of Discipline, page 413.)

Rules of Order.—These may be found in the Appendix to the Book of Discipline, pages 384–393. They are the outgrowth of long experience in many General Conferences, but are more or less modified at each quadrennial session.

The Order of Business.—1. Devotions. 2. Journal. 3. Conference Roll Call for "Immediate Consideration." 4. Committee Reports. 5. Miscellaneous Business.

The delegate must get the floor from his place and may keep it for ten minutes.

Precedence of Motions.—1. To fix time to which to adjourn. 2. To adjourn. 3. To take recess. 4. To lay on table. 5. Previous question. 6. To postpone to given time. 7. To refer. 8. To substitute. 9. To amend. 10. To postpone indefinitely.

Undebatable Motions.—1. To adjourn. 2. To suspend rules. 3. To lay on table. 4. To take from table. 5. Question of "Consideration." 6. Call for previous question.

There may be one AMENDMENT and one SUBSTITUTE; and each may be amended once.

The PREVIOUS QUESTION may be demanded by a two-thirds vote. But not at close of speech, nor on a question of character. The motion cannot be laid on Table; yet the question itself may be Referred, Re-committed, Divided or Laid on Table under the previous question. The division of divisible questions must be made if called for.

Changes in Discipline, when proposed, must be stated in the exact language proposed and must lie over one day and be published, before action can be taken.

Voting.—Usually, voting is by the uplifted hand, but if the vote is doubted, a division may be called for and the delegates stand and are counted.

On demand of one hundred delegates the Ayes and Noes must be taken by roll call.

On demand of one-third of the delegates of either order present and voting, the vote must be taken by orders; taking first the vote of the order demanding a separate vote. And if one fourth of the delegates of either order shall so demand then the votes shall be taken by Ayes and Noes; in which case the roll of the order demanding the separate vote shall be called first.

Elections.—Elections are held under the direction of the Secretary of the General Conference in accordance with a plan recommended by the Committee on Temporal Economy and adopted by the General Conference. No nominations are ever made for the office of Bishop, and a majority of two-thirds is necessary to elect. But for the other offices nominations are made by sending the names in writing to the Secretary's desk, and the list as presented is read by him in alphabetical order just previous to the ballot. A majority elects.

Books Worth While.—The following: 1. Book of Discipline, 1904, pages 35–42; 367–462. 2. Journal of the General Conference, 1904. 3. Merrill's Digest of Methodist Law. 4. Neely's Governing Conference of Methodism.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBIT

The California German Conference, with a total membership in 1907 of 1,149, namely, 74 probationers and 1,075 members in full connection, contributed the following sums for the various interests of the Church:

Official benevolences	$ 3,211
Other benevolent collections	984
Conference claimants	616
Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops	14,184
General Conference expenses	111
Current expenses, sexton, light, fuel, etc.	3,189
Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages	26,021
Paid on old indebtedness	4,300
Grand total	$52,616

being an average contribution per member of $45.79.

On this basis the contributions of the Church with its 3,234,524 members in 1906 would have aggregated $148,108,854, instead of $40,000,000.

THE UNIFICATION OF THE BOOK CONCERN

In pursuance of the action of the General Conference of 1904 the Board of Bishops, at its meeting in New Haven, Conn., in October, 1904, appointed the following ministers and laymen members of the Commission on the Unification of the Book Concern:

Rev. J. R. Day, New York Conference (at large); General Conference District No. I, G. F. Washburn, Boston; No. II, Rev. C. H. Buck, New York East Conference; No. III, Rev. E. M. Mills, Central New York Conference; No. IV, Rev. W. W. Evans, Central Pennsylvania Conference; No. V, Calvin Whitney, Norwalk, O.; No. VI, J. E. Annis, Chattanooga, Tenn.; No. VII, W. H. Crogman, Atlanta, Ga.; No. VIII, R. H. Beggs, Denver, Colo.; No. IX, Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, Nebraska Conference; No. X, J. C. Stubbs, Chicago, Ill.; No. XI, Rev. C. U. Wade, North Indiana Conference; No. XII, F. A. Chamberlain, Minneapolis, Minn.; No. XIII, Rev. G. B. Addicks, Saint Louis German Conference; No. XIV, R. A. Booth, Eugene, Ore.

Dr. Day informs us that J. C. Stubbs has been succeeded by H. H. C. Miller, of Chicago, Ill., and Calvin Whitney by D. S. Gray, of Columbus, O.

Several meetings of the Commission have been held, and final report has been made to the Book Committee.

THE CHARTERED FUND

The full title of this organization is "The Chartered Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America." It is the oldest chartered organization connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since 1794, the date of its incorporation under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, it has paid out in furtherance of its corporate purposes upward of $100,000. The Board of Trustees select their own successors and have absolute control of the Fund and the disposition thereof. The trustees, from the beginning, have been drawn from the local churches; accordingly the Chartered Fund is entirely distinct as an organization from "The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The Fund amounts to $48,500. It has been slowly accumulated by gifts and devises received almost without exception from local Methodists, and in many instances from ministers. The income of the Fund is distributed among the several Conferences of the United States, share and share alike. The Board of Trustees, as constituted for the year 1905, is as follows:

President, George I. Bodine; *Secretary*, E. J. Pershing, 1314 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Treasurer*, Franklin I. Bodine; *Additional Members*, James Long, A. D. Harrington, H. Z. Zeigler, J. H. Chubb, H. J. Maris. The office of the organization is located at 129 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

TRUSTEES OF JOHN STREET CHURCH

(Wesley Chapel)

In accordance with the provisions of a special charter granted by the Legislature of the State of New York, the Trustees of John Street Church, New York city—the first Methodist church in America—have since 1868 been elected by the General Conference. The one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of this historic church was celebrated with appropriate services on October 29, 1905. The membership in 1907 was: probationers, 63; full members, 241=304. The property—church and parsonage—is valued at $115,000 and is free from debt.

The Board of Trustees elected at the General Conference of 1904 is as follows:

Edward Allen, B. M. Tilton,[1] J. S. Huyler, S. W. Bowne, J. S. Coward, John Bentley,[1] J. W. Pearsall, E. F. Allen,[1] G. C. McRae.

[1] Deceased.

COLORED CONFERENCES

We are frequently asked to which group, white or colored, certain Conferences belong. For the information of our readers we append a list of the smaller number, namely, the Colored Conferences:

Atlanta,	Florida,	Mississippi,	Tennessee,
Central Alabama,	Lexington,	Mobile,	Texas,
Central Missouri,	Lincoln,	North Carolina,	Upper Mississippi,
Delaware,	Little Rock,	Savannah,	Washington,
East Tennessee,	Louisiana,	South Carolina,	West Texas.

The South Florida Mission, organized in 1905, is also colored.

NOTES ON THE CONFERENCES

Some surprise has been manifested at the fact that in 1906 the 66 Spring Conferences and Missions with a membership of 1,162,152 increased 44,947 whereas the 96 Fall Conferences and Missions with a membership of 1,741,011 increased only 41,285. The explanation of this fact is obvious to any one who considers that nearly all our foreign Conferences and Missions are embraced in the Spring group, the increase in membership of which in 1905 was almost exactly 10 per cent whereas the increase in the membership of our domestic field was a fraction less than 2 per cent.

In the membership of the Korea Mission Conference in 1907 the increase of 10,665 or 83.5 per cent is without parallel in the history of the denomination.

Colorado Conference heads the list in the number of new subscribers to the *Methodist Review* in 1907. In 1905 the number of new subscribers was 48; in 1906, 14; in 1907, 28. Seven eighths of the members of the Conference take the *Review*, together with 14 laymen. The *Review* goes on the reading desk of every university in the State on January 1, 1908.

The gain of 808 in membership by the New England Conference in 1907 is especially gratifying.

Noteworthy gains in membership were made in 1907 by our Conferences in Africa, especially Liberia and East Central Africa, the combined membership in 1906 was 4,698; in 1907, 5,848. The aggregate increase was 1,150, namely Liberia 558; East Central Africa 514; West Central Africa 78 or 24½ per cent.

The gain of 5,754 probationers and full members in the Philippine Islands Mission Conference in 1907 is a token of the advancing civilization on the part of the wards of the Republic in the far East.

Colorado Conference carries the banner for increased membership among our domestic Conferences for 1907, namely 2,984, the per cent of gain being 13.2.

The Southern California Conference makes a remarkable record in 1907. Study these increases: Probationers 134; full members 2,664= 2,798. Sunday school officers and teachers, 175; scholars 2,068. Churches 9; value $187,525; parsonages 5; value $18,825. Paid for building and improving churches and parsonages $73,880 and on old indebtedness $57,149. Conference Claimants $435. Do not forget

that these figures represent INCREASES! We confess to a fondness for such figures.

The Hawaiian Mission reports an increase of 158 probationers and 75 full members. It has 5 Sunday schools, 17 officers and teachers, 83 scholars, 5 churches; value $7,705. The contributions for the official benevolences aggregate $459, an increase of $47 over the previous report. The Minutes of the Mission (second session) published in Honolulu are beautifully printed and in addition to the official proceedings contain thirteen superb cuts of churches, mission officials, groups of worshipers, local scenery, etc. The Mission is in a highly prosperous condition. Statistical table No. 3 is missing from the Minutes, so that we have no data for the General Minutes covering Ministerial support.

Puget Sound Conference makes a grand record in 1907. A gain in membership of 1,459 as against 683 last year and of $105 in the collection for Conference Claimants are among the items that emphasize this statement. For be it remembered that the per cent of gain in membership is 10.28 and in Conference Claimants 17.32. The gain in Sunday school scholars is 841.

Oregon Conference with an increase in membership in 1907 of 934 as against a loss of 25 in 1906 is a tribute to the aggressiveness of Methodism on the Pacific slope. The per cent of increase is 6.82. The number of Sunday school scholars is 730.

Our brethren of the Kansas Conferences are to be congratulated on the exhibit made in the matter of membership in 1907 compared with 1906, namely:

	Membership, including Probationers		Increase
	1906	1907	
Kansas	29,055	29,917	862
Northwest Kansas	16,187	17,404	1,217
South "	30,834	31,366	532
Southwest "	28,742	29,423	681

While the aggregate gain is not as great as in the previous year the general tendency toward reduced gains in 1907 should not be forgotten in connection with this showing.

There is sound of abundance of good tidings in the membership records of our foreign Conferences and Missions for 1907. Elsewhere in the YEAR BOOK a study of these records is presented in detail. Consult it when in need of inspiration for mission work, if to you the Master is saying, "O, ye of little faith."

Detroit Conference collections for Conference Claimants in 1907 were $9,872, an increase over 1906 of $2,809. In membership there was a gain of 628 as against 23 in 1906. In the benevolent collections splendid increases in the aggregate sum were recorded.

Northwest India Conference celebrated Jubilee year by adding 3,739 to its membership.

Japan and Japan Conferences made their usual statistical reports in 1907. Henceforth we shall miss these records, owing to the Unification of Methodism in Japan, the "Nippon Methodist Kyokwai" having succeeded the Methodist Episcopal Church in pursuance thereof.

Nebraska Methodism is rejoicing over the establishment of a Home for Superannuated Preachers at Blair, the Home being the gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crowell to the four Nebraska Conferences. Elsewhere in the YEAR BOOK we give a description of the Home with a cut thereof.

The organization of France Mission by Bishop Burt in 1907 signalizes the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the French Republic.

The North China Conference shows an increase in membership of 579 in 1907.

The increase of 100 members in 1906-7 in the Bulgaria Mission Conference—23.148 per cent—is especially gratifying, since much treasure and toil have been expended upon that field.

Notwithstanding the earthquake that wrought great havoc in Chile a year ago, the Andes Conference shows an increase in 1907 of 302 probationers and 221 full members: a total gain of 523, or 17 per cent.

The increase of 5,102 in membership in the Holston Conference is due in part to the taking over of the Abingdon (now Bristol) District from the Virginia Conference to which Conference the membership of this district was credited in the General Minutes for 1906.

Pittsburg Conference reports a gain in membership in 1907 of 1,975, a splendid record.

CONFERENCES, MISSION CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS, 1907

I. Conferences.—The whole number of Annual Conferences at the close of 1907 is 131, as against 132 at the close of 1906, Japan and South Japan having been excluded from the enumeration and North Montana, Bishop Moore presiding, added thereto. Of the 131 Conferences 112 are domestic and 19 foreign.

II. Mission Conferences.—These are 12 in number as against 11 in 1906, 2 of which are domestic and 10 foreign, Central China Mission having been organized as a Mission Conference by Bishop Bashford at the annual meeting in 1907. Alphabetically arranged they are: Atlantic, Bulgaria, Burma, Central China, Central Provinces, Denmark, East Central Africa, Finland and Saint Petersburg, Korea, New Mexico Spanish, Philippine Islands, West Central Africa.

III. Missions.—There are 16 of these organizations as against 18 in 1906, 8 of them are domestic and 8 are foreign. Alphabetically arranged they are: Alaska, Arizona, Black Hills, Chinese, East Oklahoma, France, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico English, North Andes, Pacific Japanese, Porto Rico, South Florida, Utah, West China, Wyoming. Central China became a Mission Conference at its session, Bishop Bashford presiding, in 1907; France Mission was organized by Bishop Burt in 1907, while Kalispell and North Montana Missions united to form the North Montana Conference in 1907, Bishop Moore presiding.

STATISTICAL TABLES

THE statistical tables herewith presented are for 1907. The returns of the Spring Conferences are complete. The returns of Conferences held late in November and December are those of 1906, as indicated in footnote.

SPRING CONFERENCES

	Members in Full Connection and on Trial	Local Preachers	Lay Members and Probationers	Sunday Schools			Church Property			
				Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value
Andes	41	23	3,657	52	301	3,653	17	$54,033	10	$.....
Arkansas	56	79	5,865	69	550	4,171	81	116,850	37	27,000
Baltimore	249	107	54,365	462	7,281	56,723	460	4,171,800	155	547,600
Bengal	28	32	2,690	82	164	4,035	17	56,175	14	26,334
Bombay	29	70	15,515	511	574	19,042	19	97,770	2	49,280
Central Missouri	73	54	7,566	102	604	3,833	114	255,355	60	36,750
Central Pennsylvania	302	117	73,924	3	9,129	71,349	620	3,679,235	223	607,920
Delaware	149	229	24,142	279	2,301	19,989	282	693,700	103	98,788
East German	53	36	5,332	63	903	6,135	63	812,500	43	173,300
East Maine	108	38	9,674	204	1,816	12,036	163	604,325	91	142,850
Eastern Swedish	34	16	4,337	36	511	3,440	32	433,660	9	40,000
Florida	56	116	5,181	92	494	4,155	82	161,070	22	15,431
Foochow	104	222	12,943	167	350	5,356	111	84,341	..	.....
Hinghua	47	19	5,133	153	192	3,961	100	42,644	..	.....
Italy	49	23	3,689	109	105	2,660	16	185,800	15	166,100
Japan	82	20	5,557	96	366	6,465	45	78,680	33	9,420
Kansas	200	71	29,917	275	3,762	27,418	264	931,100	133	207,650
Lexington	120	136	11,386	156	922	6,492	163	346,550	76	49,100
Liberia	44	83	3,996	61	741	3,505	52	92,811	11	14,650
Lincoln	47	52	2,417	67	349	1,911	60	66,445	32	20,553
Little Rock	87	145	6,077	129	708	4,562	109	110,826	37	15,520
Louisiana	181	520	20,041	241	1,151	10,881	237	364,320	135	69,017
Maine	117	37	12,129	143	1,775	12,723	149	639,795	92	177,250
Malaysia	23	71	2,310	38	100	1,279	18	50,350	11	21,400
Mexico	47	39	5,927	71	238	3,322	47	359,500	31	224,205
Mississippi	138	337	22,721	291	1,671	14,203	286	246,103	86	40,292
Newark	253	110	54,899	334	6,120	49,868	308	4,306,150	196	802,750
New England	276	140	43,475	257	5,596	41,603	245	5,119,600	168	635,050
New England Southern	180	59	23,781	203	3,427	23,445	203	2,018,900	140	331,295
New Hampshire	125	45	14,817	158	1,920	13,545	140	940,145	100	190,250
New Jersey	234	233	57,622	365	6,910	55,431	340	3,800,300	198	629,550
New York	307	108	59,617	428	5,667	40,759	425	6,415,200	242	1,003,650
New York East	318	198	72,579	321	7,585	62,746	317	8,308,150	234	1,296,900
North German	90	54	12,493	197	947	11,346	69	877,927	22	.....
North India	106	293	36,138	1,027	1,223	49,794	120	74,481	242	82,513
North Indiana	285	223	66,784	482	7,585	59,545	489	2,604,875	199	392,675
Northern New York	266	65	31,513	299	4,083	28,955	296	1,596,975	193	366,700
Northwest India	72	243	54,094	1,251	1,054	56,090	64	94,290	58	55,416
Northwest Kansas	136	71	17,404	236	2,664	17,854	189	488,923	144	136,960
Norway	52	58	6,221	53	604	7,996	50	247,906	5	24,111
Philadelphia	347	316	85,704	400	9,854	95,659	398	8,206,300	222	1,032,150
Saint Johns River	24	6	1,370	29	266	1,725	30	217,100	18	57,550
Saint Louis	197	129	36,573	312	3,927	31,147	376	1,706,120	125	1,826,645
South America	38	54	4,775	75	351	4,933	34	391,676	10	75,204
South Germany	102	138	11,596	309	977	13,190	97	757,038	21	.....
South India	28	40	3,432	263	365	8,423	20	31,395	19	31,853
South Japan	36	10	1,507	37	145	3,047	9	41,100	8	8,200
South Kansas	165	67	31,366	281	3,674	27,965	281	803,250	119	168,550
Southwest Kansas	180	75	29,423	287	3,829	27,216	262	784,675	132	173,750
Sweden	126	159	17,582	191	1,276	18,428	141	610,841	35	133,984
Switzerland	63	20	9,419	256	1,417	20,980	58	575,266	17	119,236
Troy	261	89	49,289	355	5,357	38,921	354	2,639,600	229	479,350
Upper Mississippi	137	405	22,256	273	1,543	12,753	266	200,545	52	24,325
Vermont	107	40	12,927	166	1,791	11,538	157	636,570	106	170,500
Washington	160	255	30,428	354	2,694	22,285	335	1,088,184	98	120,000
Wilmington	200	106	42,165	398	5,807	44,820	394	1,905,200	154	319,700
Wyoming	244	115	51,127	437	6,320	48,049	423	2,538,300	210	475,650
MISSION CONFERENCES										
Bulgaria	18	3	532	16	48	520	11	20,715	7	17,712
Burma	7	10	946	31	71	1,203	3	25,590	3	5,850
Central Provinces	26	46	3,949	213	611	7,444	14	13,020	20	38,370

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Denmark	21	23	3,701	37	318	4,107	29	$204,436	18	$56,457
East Central Africa	8	4	1,522	32	95	1,324	39	39,700	11	9,750
Finland & St. Petersb'g	19	19	1,320	29	124	2,285	9	63,674	4	.....
Philippine Islands	56	24	20,678	71	....	4,125	94	79,480	..	.....
West Central Africa	15	1	330	13	36	541	11	15,775	14	24,890
Korea	..	..	23,455	153	519	12,333	219	54,781	18	5,440
Missions										
Central China	..	35	2,065	29	117	1,619	36	46,650	32	13,410
France	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	...	.....
Hawaii	..	..	994	28	147	1,362	17	44,260	7	13,480
North Andes	..	4	415	10	60	567	....	.....	...	.....
Porto Rico	..	13	2,524	40	115	2,175	24	57,725	4	5,450
South Florida	..	23	850	19	92	603	18	20,050	7	4,300
West China	..	5	3,330	80	....	3,041	15	22,700	12	38,650
Total	7729	6862	1415478	15408	144392	1306742	11036	75309105	5325	12536636

FALL CONFERENCES

Alabama[1]	59	123	9,087	126	761	5,878	176	156,750	19	10,720
Atlanta[1]	89	233	15,064	158	1,104	9,106	158	192,524	48	18,836
Austin[1]	39	37	3,207	45	429	2,944	45	237,540	24	39,400
Blue Ridge	42	55	7,387	114	601	6,383	44	86,580	24	13,500
California	266	145	21,039	264	2,771	22,470	237	1,801,300	152	285,525
California German	24	15	1,149	16	180	917	19	264,700	18	46,900
Central Alabama[1]	56	138	5,194	92	462	3,359	92	78,519	32	9,725
Central German	129	61	14,206	142	2,202	11 332	154	885,200	96	200,035
Central Illinois	254	72	41,191	361	5,035	38,012	374	1,815,950	182	379,350
Central New York	266	65	41.304	341	4,828	36,029	326	2,326,065	194	387,775
Central Ohio	244	116	56,130	410	6,751	53,256	408	2,175,400	144	288,500
Central Swedish	52	38	6,510	57	814	6,151	55	452,200	31	117 000
Central Tennessee	41	39	7,577	98	524	4,418	135	139,700	30	18,515
Chicago German	85	44	9,552	105	1,316	6,258	116	561,450	68	157.600
Cincinnati	219	95	55,116	356	5,481	42.298	368	2,637,600	129	393.800
Colorado	192	71	25,602	224	3,031	27,232	184	1,517,650	115	217.000
Columbia River	[141]	75	15,322	195	1,894	15.540	178	740,350	95	129.500
Dakota	146	46	13.402	235	2,197	17.276	191	621.325	110	178.700
Des Moines	278	124	53,342	462	5.879	43.488	458	1.831.350	202	385.700
Detroit	376	199	56,629	592	7,569	62,436	543	3,182,891	263	477,740
East Ohio	308	141	83.099	566	8,497	68,684	570	4,010,450	202	517.250
East Tennessee	57	62	5,281	97	539	4,095	94	175,037	37	14,075
Erie	245	106	50,689	472	6,135	44,718	471	2,327,900	189	426,800
Genesee	294	109	46.037	397	5,750	48,032	396	3,481,894	241	578.075
Georgia[1]	19	37	3,564	53	301	2,725	72	63,950	15	12.175
Gulf[1]	31	84	3,765	59	392	3.047	54	120.700	14	15,700
Holston	163	173	31,633	404	2,884	26,406	425	763,270	72	91,600
Idaho	50	16	4,760	69	679	6,028	61	185,850	41	52,050
Illinois	398	119	74,137	547	7,570	59.301	571	3,094,550	254	555,100
Indiana	352	229	96,708	719	8,315	65,749	763	2,729,451	222	354,980
Iowa	175	64	34,697	309	3,831	29.674	332	1,245,600	131	230,520
Kentucky	94	144	24,467	250	2,031	16.791	293	572,400	66	94.450
Michigan	378	201	54.716	642	7,849	56,973	599	2,245,870	294	433,500
Minnesota	169	47	19,229	224	2,396	18,816	225	1,041.965	105	207,600
Missouri	154	58	29,197	280	3,409	22,938	336	980,175	115	155,680
Mobile[1]	46	139	5,945	95	523	3,882	82	85,040	23	11,586
Montana	56	17	4,261	67	662	5,735	55	262,350	43	72,425
Nebraska	203	88	27,984	250	3,319	24,868	248	919,700	142	215.550
North Carolina	90	119	11,606	188	1.147	9,594	183	236,685	37	26,000
North China	60	63	6,315	69	..	3,942	58	15,800	13	15,050
North Dakota	[131]	35	9,491	220	1,613	13,135	165	514,455	100	144,697
North Montana	32	..	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	...	.....
North Nebraska	144	36	16,039	172	2,084	15,547	167	642,000	108	164,950
North Ohio	205	74	39,184	319	4,774	37,186	324	1,861,900	124	247,650

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Northern German	63	27	6,139	100	1,066	5,017	93	$305,970	46	$93 150
Northern Minnesota	[167]	64	19,057	275	2,633	22,460	238	1,344,000	103	173,775
Northern Swedish[1]	36	18	3,150	63	455	3,250	71	230,375	41	64,450
Northwest German	63	28	4,807	75	872	4,161	75	204,300	44	91,000
Northwest Indiana	200	86	44,620	338	4,819	41,573	349	1,751,695	135	267,775
Northwest Iowa	218	62	24,242	292	3,884	26,277	287	1,036,200	167	254,900
Northwest Nebraska	30	8	2,758	60	454	3,177	37	60,450	23	21,900
Norwegian and Danish	65	72	5,426	72	656	3,990	99	313,500	50	87,450
Ohio	282	109	78,464	626	8,341	61,193	627	2,767,650	164	364,970
Oklahoma	176	92	19,260	253	2,513	20,127	191	452,498	109	99,025
Oregon	140	78	14,629	166	1,848	14,837	170	698,700	81	106,950
Pacific German	32	9	1,484	29	297	1,196	27	74,350	20	41,350
Pittsburg	[266]	129	73,799	442	6,863	61,394	422	6,413,950	135	678,750
Puget Sound	[167]	85	16,960	213	2,387	20,918	176	739,380	109	158,620
Rock River	353	207	61,584	415	7,448	67,140	402	5,185,862	207	631,775
Saint Louis German	137	77	10,933	129	1,635	8,314	146	594,300	91	170,900
Savannah[1]	68	172	8,303	121	693	5,436	114	117,973	31	11,880
South Carolina[1]	178	477	52,170	414	2,609	27,170	379	430,212	92	61,030
Southern California	220	134	29,723	198	3,176	30,890	173	1,818,042	109	239,225
Southern German[1]	40	26	3,085	50	477	2,571	53	112,734	32	37,650
Southern Illinois	208	102	46,814	491	5,485	44,228	508	1,313,750	184	260,150
Tennessee	115	148	9,384	157	819	5,769	153	130,660	35	16,845
Texas[1]	132	213	14,472	244	1,575	10,155	229	318,714	85	42,600
Upper Iowa	277	67	37,461	314	3,808	29,869	329	2,359,500	173	361,050
West German	103	55	6,825	111	1,405	6,540	113	309,700	82	119,225
West Nebraska	106	35	11,778	158	1,665	12,100	139	369,000	82	102,100
West Texas[1]	99	168	11,460	172	990	7,446	148	181,970	55	19,8750
West Virginia	247	168	58,956	847	7,471	54,429	814	1,704,598	192	370,300
West Wisconsin	192	80	22,652	360	3,356	24,084	351	1,039,300	142	240,26
West'n Norwegian-Dan	26	13	819	18	94	731	27	129,150	22	31,900
Western Swedish	40	41	2,788	44	399	2,375	45	156,500	32	52,4500
Wisconsin	189	56	23,906	268	3,187	25,142	271	1,710,750	141	364,45
Mission Conferences										
Atlantic	18	29	1,594	24	135	1,055	32	31,300	4	3,700
Korea	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Mexico Spanish	[31]	14	3,117	48	139	1,390	35	49,100	30	27,100]
Missions										
Alaska	..	1	136	6	41	297	6	25,700	4	3,700
Arizona	..	17	1,534	32	283	2,526	26	144,900	16	38,300
Black Hills	..	4	1,025	24	214	1,750	24	58,300	12	24,200
Chinese	..	10	275	9	43	222	8	37,500	..	..
East Oklahoma	..	20	2,303	38	331	2,783	35	103,850	13	19,300
Kalispell	..	2	584	16	123	832	14	23,100	6	7,400
Nevada	..	8	1,300	46	310	2,842	36	103,100	23	36,600
New Mexico English	..	7	1,777	23	240	1,839	18	92,300	13	26,550
North Montana	..	9	1,197	38	256	1,975	30	100,700	20	25,000
Pacific Japanese	..	13	864	13	32	318	8	52,300	1	500
Utah	..	5	1,540	33	251	2,209	27	199,500	16	14,000
Wyoming	..	7	1,775	32	314	2,598	26	106,350	18	35,150
Fall Conferences	11461	7195	1887743	18948	216383	1700935	18487	84785769	7754	1429254
Spring Conferences	7729	6862	1415478	15408	144392	1306742	11036	75309105	5325	12536636
Grand total	19190	14057	3303221	34356	361375	3097677	29523	160094875	13079	26629150
Last year[2]	18991	13999	3234524	33828	356782	293066	29091	15029641	12784	25612624
Increase	199	58	68697	528	4593	77611	432	9798463	295	1207526
Decrease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

[1] 1906. Conferences held after issue of YEAR BOOK.

[2] These totals are from complete returns as reported in the General Minutes for 1906, and not from the last YEAR BOOK.

SECRETARIES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Alabama, J. L. Brasher, Boaz, Ala.
Alaska Mission, F. A. LaViolette, Juneau, Alaska.
Andes, A. S. Watson, Iquique, Chile.
Arizona Mission, Wilbur Fisk, Tempe, Arizona.
Arkansas, Thomas Mason, Siloam Springs, Ark.
Atlanta, R. T. Adams, McDonough, Ga.
Atlantic Mission Conference, W. J. Flint, Harkers Island, N. C.
Austin, J. F. Boeye, Fort Worth, Tex.
Baltimore, G. E. Maydwell, Washington, D. C.
Bengal, A. J. Barkley, Bolpur, E. I. R. Loop Line, India.
Black Hills Mission, M. C. Roberts, Ransom, S. D.
Blue Ridge, Adolphus Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Bombay, Mazagaon, Bombay, India.
Bulgaria Mission Conference, J. I. Economoff, Rustchuk, Bulgaria.
Burma Mission Conference, O. I. Truitt, 19 Lancaster Road, Rangoon, India.
California, C. E. Irons, Los Gatos, Cal.
California German, G. J. Schultz, Stockton, Cal.
Central Alabama, R. J. Buckner, Birmingham, Ala.
Central China Mission Conference, J. R. Trindle, Wuhu, China.
Central German, W. A. Schruff, Columbus, O.
Central Illinois, D. S. McCown, Bradford, Ill.
Central Missouri, F. S. Bowles, Sedalia, Mo.
Central New York, L. S. Boyd, Weedsport, N. Y.
Central Ohio, Daniel Carter, Wauseon, O.
Central Pennsylvania, J. F. Anderson, Patton, Pa.
Central Provinces Mission Conference, D. G. Abbott, Khandwa, India.
Central Swedish, E. P. Swan, 151 Oak Street, Chicago, Ill.
Central Tennessee, U. G. Paschal, Summertown, Tenn.
Chicago German, Peter Rech, Kenosha, Wis.
Chinese Mission, Chan Hon Fan, 904 Washington Street, San Francisco, Cal.
Cincinnati, Valorous F. Brown, Dayton, O.
Colorado, W. F. Steele, University Park, Colo.
Columbia River, Wm. Deweese, Ellensburg, Wash.
Dakota, G. T. Notson, Alexandria, S. D.
Delaware, J. H. Blake, Ridgely, Md.
Denmark Mission Conference, Christian Nielsen, Horsens-Hornsyld, Denmark.
Des Moines, I. N. Woodward, Atlantic, Ia.
Detroit, A. Raymond Johns, Wyandotte, Mich.
East Central Africa Mission Conference, J. E. Ferris, Umtali, Rhodesia, Africa.
East German, H. H. Heck, 48 Saint Mark's Place, Brooklyn, New York.
East Maine, A. L. Nutter, Oldtown, Me.
East Ohio, Thomas Wood, Cadiz, O.
East Oklahoma Mission, F. I. Poage, South McAlester, I. T.
East Tennessee, Anderson Davis, Marion, Va.

Eastern Swedish, J. E. Hillberg, 724 Colfax Street, Evanston, Ill.
Erie, W. P. Graham, Mercer, Pa.
Finland and Saint Petersburg, John Melin, Ekenas, Finland.
Florida, Scott Bartley, Saint Augustine, Fla.
Foochow, H. R. Caldwell, Foochow, China.
France Mission, Charles Thiele, Lyon, France.
Genesee, Ray Allen, 4 Concord Street, Rochester, N. Y.
Georgia, R. H. Robb, Atlanta, Ga.
Gulf, J. R. Basket, Jennings, La.
Hinghua, H. G. Dildine, Ingchung, China.
Hawaii Mission, Miss Alta Morrison, Honolulu, H. I.
Holston, J. J. Robinette, Johnson City, Tenn.
Idaho, G. G. Hadley, Payette, Idaho.
Illinois, F. B. Madden, Carlinville, Ill.
Indiana, R. A. Kemp, New Albany, Ind.
Iowa, J. W. Potter, Muscatine, Ia.
Italy, Alfredo Taglialatela, Bologna, Italy.
Japan, H. W. Schwartz, Sendai, Japan.
Kansas, C. G. Bear, Pomona, Kan.
Kentucky, G. N. Jolly, Vanceburg, Ky.
Korea Mission Conference, S. A. Beck, Seoul, Korea.
Lexington, J. W. Robinson, Covington, Ky.
Liberia, C. A. Lincoln, Greenville, Liberia, Africa.
Lincoln, A. W. Talbert, Ardmore, I. T.
Little Rock, J. W. Jackson, Forest City, Ark.
Louisiana, W. S. Chinn, New Orleans, La.
Maine, G. C. Andrews, Intervale, N. H.
Malaysia, W. G. Shellabear, Malacca, Straits Settlements.
Mexico, J. P. Hamer, Apartado 1291, Mexico City, Mexico.
Michigan, E. A. Armstrong, Ludington, Mich.
Minnesota, G. A. Cahoon, Worthington, Minn.
Mississippi, A. J. McNair, Yazoo City, Miss.
Missouri, J. W. Anderson, Stanberry, Mo.
Mobile, G. W. Lewis, Pensacola, Fla.
Montana, G. D. King, Whitehall, Mont.
Nebraska, O. T. Moore, University Place, Neb.
Nevada Mission, E. E. Robbins, Sparks, Nevada.
New England, James Mudge, Lowell, Mass.
New England Southern, J. F. Cooper, 152 Peace Street, Providence, R. I.
New Hampshire, S. E. Quimby, Derry, N. H.
New Jersey, J. H. Payran, Hammonton, N. J.
New Mexico English Mission, J. C. Rollins, Albuquerque, N. M.
New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, T. M. Harwood, Albuquerque, N. M.
New York, G. W. Grinton, Newburgh, N. Y.
New York East, A. B. Sanford, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
Newark, J. F. Dodd, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
North Andes Mission, C. N. Vance, Tarma, Peru.
North Carolina, S. A. Peeler, Greensboro, N. C.
North China, Burton Saint John, Tientsin, China.
North Dakota, C. D. Lewis, Lamoure, N. D.
North Germany, Stephan Von Bohr, Oldenburg, Germany.
North India, P. S. Hyde, Naini Tal, India.
North Indiana, D. V. Williams, Eaton, Ind.

North Montana, George Logan, Choteau, Mont.
North Nebraska, E. T. George, Omaha, Neb.
North Ohio, R. T. Stephenson, Delaware, O., S. L. Stewart, Acting Secretary, Mansfield, O.
Northern German, C. F. Blume, New Ulm, Minn.
Northern Minnesota, R. J. Taylor, Eveleth, Minn.
Northern New York, W. G. Atwell, Belleville, N. Y.
Northern Swedish, C. H. Sunstrom, Escanaba, Mich.
Northwest German, W. H. Rolfing, Charles City, Ia.
Northwest India, T. S. Donohugh, Meerut, U. P., India.
Northwest Indiana, H. N. Ogden, Indianapolis, Ind.
Northwest Iowa, T. S. Bassett, Mason, Ia.
Northwest Kansas, U. S. Brown, Salina, Kan.
Northwest Nebraska, C. H. Burleigh, Hemingford, Neb.
Norway, G. B. Rognerud, Christiania, Norway.
Norwegian and Danish, R. F. Wilhelmsen, 827 N. 40th Court, Chicago, Ill.
Ohio, J. W. Atkinson, Portsmouth, O.
Oklahoma, W. E. Woodward, Alva, Okla.
Oregon, M. T. Wire, 94 Webster St., Portland, Ore.
Pacific German, F. H. Luecke, Tacoma, Wash.
Pacific Japanese Mission, M. S. Vail, 1628 Seventh Ave., E. Oakland, Cal.
Philadelphia, S. G. Grove, 7005 Woodland Avenue Philadelphia, Pa.
Philippine Islands Mission Conference, Harry Farmer, Manila, P. I.
Pittsburg, N. L. Brown, 7810 Kelly Street, Pittsburg, Pa.
Porto Rico Mission, Manuel Andujar, San Juan, P. R.
Puget Sound, G. L. Cuddy, Tacoma, Wash.
Rock River, J. A. Matlack, Galena, Ill.
Saint Johns River, G. F. Scott, Lawtey, Fla.
Saint Louis, P. E. Pierce, Appleton City, Mo.
Saint Louis German, G. B. Addicks, Warrenton, Mo.
Savannah, J. D. Jenkins, Liberty Hill, Ga.
South America, W. F. Rice, Lomas de Zamora, Argentina.
South Carolina, J. B. Middleton, Darlington, S. C.
South Florida Mission, T. H. B. Walker, Tampa, Fla.
South Germany, R. F. Wobith, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany.
South India, A. H. Baker, Hyderabad, India.
South Japan, A. E. Rigby, Nagasaki, Japan.
South Kansas, Ira M. Benham, La Harpe, Kan.
Southern California, E. J. Inwood, Los Angeles, Cal.
Southern German, J. E. Stullken, Brenham, Tex.
Southern Illinois, J. C. Kinison, Herrin, Ill.
Southwest Kansas, L. M. Riley, Garden City, Kan.
Sweden, K. A. Janssen, Stockholm, Sweden.
Switzerland, E. M. Bauer, Lausanne, Switzerland.
Tennessee, T. W. Johnson, 10 Robertson Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Texas, M. W. Dogan, Marshall, Tex.
Troy, Edwin Genge, Troy, N. Y.
Upper Iowa, W. H. Slingerland, Des Moines, Ia.
Upper Mississippi, N. R. Clay, Holly Springs, Miss.
Utah Mission, J. G. Cairns, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Vermont, F. W. Lewis, Saint Johnsbury, Vt.
Washington, S. H. Norwood, Frederick City, Md.
West Central Africa Mission Conference, R. B. Kipp, Pungo Andongo, Angola, Africa.

West China Mission, Joseph Beech, Chentu, China.
West German, John Demand, Chapman, Kan.
West Nebraska, B. F. Eberhart, Arapahoe, Neb.
West Texas, T. H. Wyatt, Luling, Tex.
West Virginia, S. J. Miller, Wheeling, W. Va.
West Wisconsin, J. T. Morgans, Lancaster, Wis.
Western Norwegian-Danish, Joseph Olsen, Tacoma, Wash.
Western Swedish, Carl Fromen, Genoa, Neb.
Wilmington, W. A. Wise, Centerville, Md.
Wisconsin, T. W. North, Evansville, Wis.
Wyoming, H. C. McDermott, West Pittston, Pa.
Wyoming Mission, E. C. Jordan, Cheyenne, Wyo.

PRESIDING ELDERS

We present herewith a complete list of the presiding elders' districts and the names and addresses of presiding elders and Mission superintendents for 1908. The presiding elders of Conferences held late in November and in December are necessarily taken from the records of the preceding Conferences. This feature of the Year Book, first introduced in 1904, is very highly appreciated by our people.

Alabama.—Anniston, J. G. Johnson, Edwardsville; Birmingham, W. M. Croman, Birmingham; Boaz, H. J. Brown, Boaz; De Funiak, C. J. Hammitt, Dothan, Ala.

Alaska Mission.—Superintendent, John Parsons, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Andes.—Bolivia, F. M. Harrington, Casilla 405, La Paz, Bolivia; Central, W. C. Hoover, Casilla 636, Valparaiso, Chile; Northern, Roberto Elphick, Punta Arenas, Chile; Santiago and Southern, G. J. Schilling, Santiago; Magellan, J. C. Reeder, Punta Arenas, Chile.

Arizona Mission.—Superintendent, S. J. Rogers, Phoenix, Ariz.

Arkansas.—Fort Smith, W. C. Wheeler, Fort Smith; Harrison, L. W. Elkins, Eureka Springs; Little Rock, C. M. Hollett, Little Rock, Ark.

Atlanta.—Atlanta, C. L. Johnson, South Atlanta Station; Gainesville, Z. K. Gowen, Gainesville; Griffin, P. H. Travis, Atlanta; Rome, C. W. Adams, Rome, Ga.

Atlantic.—Superintendent, T. S. Davis, Marshallberg, N. C.

Austin.—Austin, O. F. Lindstrum, Georgetown; Fort Worth, D. T. Summerville, Dallas, Tex.

Baltimore.—Baltimore, J. C. Nicholson, Baltimore; Eastern Baltimore, W. L. McDowell, Baltimore; Western Baltimore, J. F. Heisse, Baltimore; Frederick, M. F. B. Rice, Baltimore, Md.; Washington, J. W. R. Sumwalt, Washington, D. C.

Bengal.—Asansol, W. P. Byers, Asansol; Calcutta, F. B. Price, Calcutta; Diamond Harbor, B. M. Mozumdar, Diamond Harbor; Tirhoot, J. O. Denning, Muzaffarpur, India.

Black Hills Mission.—Superintendent. R. H. Doliver, Deadwood, S. D.

Blue Ridge.—Bakersville, W. A. Patten, Lansing; Clyde, W. C. Matney, Clyde; Statesville, J. F. Matney, Walkertown, N. C.

Bombay.—Bombay, A. E. Ayers, Bombay; Gujarat, E. F. Frease, Baroda Camp; Kathiawad, W. E. Robbins, Dhola Junction, India.

Bulgaria.—Superintendent, E. E. Count, Rustchuk; Lovetch, M.D. Delcheff, Tirnova; Rustchuk, Pavel Todoroff, Rustchuk, Bulgaria.

Burma.—Burma, B. M. Jones, Lancaster Road, Rangoon, India.

California.—Napa, G. L. Pearson, 807 College Avenue, Santa Rosa; Oakland, W. C. Evans, Oakland; Sacramento, E. D. McCreary, 2441 Russell Street, Berkeley; San Francisco, W. S. Matthew, 2009 Lincoln Street, Berkeley; San Jose, H. E. Becks, San Jose; Swedish, J. O. Wahlberg, 1500 Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

California German.—California, Otto Wilke, Los Angeles, Cal.

Central Alabama.—Anniston, J. W. Thomas, Anniston; Birmingham, W. H. Nelson, Birmingham; Huntsville, A. S. Williams, Huntsville, Ala.

Central China Mission Conference.—Chinkiang, W. C. Longden; Kiukiang, Li Yuin-shen, Kiukiang; Nanking, H. F. Rowe, Nanking; South Kiangsi, A. J. Bowen, Nanching; Wuhu, J. S. Trindle, Wuhu, China.

Central German.—Cincinnati, J. H. Schimmelpfennig, Covington, Ky.; Louisville, G. E. Hiller, Booneville, Ind.; Michigan, J. J. Bockstahler, Detroit, Mich.; North Ohio, Joseph Kern, Berea, O.

Central Illinois.—Galesburg, R. E. Buckey, Abingdon; Kankakee, O. T. Dwinell, Kankakee; Normal, Richard Crewes, Normal; Peoria, Samuel Van Pelt, Peoria; Rock Island, W. R. Wiley, Rock Island, Ill.

Central Missouri.—Saint Joseph, A. H. Higgs, Marshall; Saint Louis, B. F. Abbott, Sedalia; Sedalia, W. H. Smith, Sedalia, Mo.

Central New York.—Auburn, C. E. Jewell, Auburn; Cazenovia, W. H. Giles, Cazenovia; Elmira, S. F. Sanford, Elmira; Geneva, G. E. Campbell, Geneva; Syracuse, D. D. Campbell, 609 Tallman Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Central Ohio.—Bellefontaine, C. R. Havighorst, Bellefontaine; Defiance, J. F. Harshbarger, Defiance; Delaware, W. McK. Brackney, Delaware; Findlay, E. D. Whitlock, Fostoria; Lima, David Bowers, Lima; Toledo, W. G. Waters, Toledo, O.

Central Pennsylvania.—Altoona, B. C. Conner, Altoona; Danville, R. H. Gilbert, Berwick; Harrisburg, E. M. Stevens, Harrisburg; Juniata, W. W. Evans, Huntingdon; Williamsport, T. S. Wilcox, Williamsport, Pa.

Central Provinces.—Godavery, C. B. Ward, Yellandu; Jabalpur, T. S. Johnson, Jabalpur; Marathi, T. S. Johnson, Jabalpur; Raipur, G. K. Gilder, Raipur, C. P.

Central Swedish.—Chicago, Alfred Anderson, Chicago; Galesburg, William Swenson, Galva, Ill.; Jamestown, G. H. Johnson, McKeesport, Pa.

Central Tennessee.—Huntington, J. W. Droke, Lexington; Nashville, Virgil Pafford, Lawrenceburg; Tullahoma, J. D. Harris, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Chicago German.—Appleton, F. G. Wredè, Appleton; Chicago, J. A. Mulfinger, 1262 Rokeby Street, Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, A. C. Berg, Watertown, Wis.

Chinese Mission.—Superintendent, Edward Jan, 2328 Carleton Street, Berkeley, Cal.

Cincinnati.—Cincinnati, H. C. Jameson, Gilbert Avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; Dayton, S. O. Royal, Dayton; Hillsboro, D. L. Aultman, Station I, Cincinnati; Milford, A. N. Spahr, Milford; Springfield, G. W. DuBois, Springfield, O.

Colorado.—Denver, H. E. Warner, Denver; Greeley, R. A. Carnine, Denver; Pueblo, R. A. Chase, Colorado Springs; Rio Grande, N. H. Lee, Denver; Denver Northwestern, W. D. Phifer, Denver, Colo.

Columbia River.—Republic Mission, O. W. Mintzer, Spokane; Spokane, U. F. Hawk, Spokane, Wash.; The Dalles, Walton Skipworth, The Dalles, Ore.; Walla Walla, Gabriel Sykes, Walla Walla, Wash.

Dakota.—Aberdeen, G. F. Hopkins, Aberdeen; Huron, C. E. Hager, Huron; Mitchell, J. O. Dobson, Mitchell; Sioux Falls, A. C. Shepherd, Sioux Falls; Watertown, W. I. Graham, Watertown, S. D.

Delaware.—Cambridge, J. R. Brown, Milford, Del.; Centreville, N. W. Moore, Centerville, Md.; Philadelphia, H. A. Monroe, 931 No. 26th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Salisbury, Pazavia O'Connell, Salisbury, Md.; Wilmington, J. H. Nutter, Middletown, Del.

Denmark.—Copenhagen, Christian Jensen, Copenhagen; Jutland, S. L. Gaarde, Veile, Denmark.

Des Moines.—Boone, E. E. Ilgenfritz, Boone; Atlantic, William Stevenson, Atlantic; Chariton, B. F. Miller, Indianola; Council Bluffs, A. E. Griffith, Council Bluffs; Creston, W. G. Hohanshelt, Indianola; Des Moines, G. W. L. Brown, Des Moines, Ia.

Detroit.—Ann Arbor, William Dawe, Ann Arbor; Detroit, John Sweet, Detroit; Flint, J. G. Haller, Ann Arbor; Houghton, James Pascoe, Hancock; Port Huron, C. B. Steele, Port Huron; Saginaw Valley, L. N. Moon, Essexville; W. F. Stewart, Detroit; Straits, W. B. Collins, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

East Central Africa.—Inhambane, E. H. Richards, Inhambane, East Africa; Old Umtali, J. E. Ferris, Old Umtali; Umtali, Robert Wodehouse, Umtali, Rhodesia.

East German.—New York, William Giesregen, 126 South Sixth Avenue, Mount Vernon; Philadelphia, John Lange, 314 Union Street, Jersey City, N. J.

East Maine.—Bangor, J. W. Hatch, Bangor; Bucksport, H. B. Haskell, Stonington; Rockland, D. B. Phelan, Waldoboro, Me.

East Ohio.—Akron, L. H. Stewart, Ravenna; Barnesville, J. S. Secrest, Barnesville; Cambridge, H. W. Dewey, Cambridge; Canton, J. C. Smith, Alliance; Cleveland, G. K. Morris, 307 Commonwealth Avenue, Cleveland; Steubenville, W. H. Dickerson, Steubenville; Uhrichsville, C. B. Henthorne, Uhrichsville; Youngstown, O. W. Holmes, 55 Cleveland Street, Youngstown, O.

East Oklahoma Mission.—Superintendent and Presiding Elder, E. S. Stockwell, Muskogee, Okla.

East Tennessee.—Bristol, I. R. Hill, Bristol; Chattanooga, E. J. Cox, Chattanooga; Knoxville, W. A. Webber, Tate Springs, Tenn.; Pulaski, J. A. Pickett, Pulaski City, Va.

Eastern Swedish.—Boston, C. J. Wigren, Glendale Road, Quincy, Mass.; New York, H. E. Whyman, 1869 Bathgate Ave., New York.

Erie.—Clarion, A. R. Rich, DuBois; Erie, W. P. Murray, Erie; Franklin, D. A. Platt, Franklin, Pa.; Jamestown, J. R. Rankin, Jamestown, N. Y.; Meadville, H. G. Dodds, Meadville; Newcastle, T. W. Douglass, Newcastle, Pa.

Finland and Saint Petersburg.—Finnish District, H. H. Aulanko, Tammerfors; Swedish District, K. J. Hurtig, Helsingfors, Finland.

Florida.—Gainesville, O. F. Niblack, Fort White; Jacksonville, J. S. Todd, Jacksonville; Ocala, J. P. Patterson, Ocala, Fla.

Foochow.—Foochow, Hu Caik Hang, Foochow; Haitang, Ling Mi Ing, Ngu-cheng via Foochow; Hokchiang, U Sieu E, Ngu-chen, via

Foochow; Ku-cheng, Ding Deng Dieu, Ku-cheng, via Foochow; Kude, Ceng Ung Uong, Kucheng, via Foochow; Ming-chiang, Ding Dai Liong, Foochow; Ngu-cheng, Ding Heng Ngieu, Ngu-cheng, via Foochow; North Yenping, Ding Iok Nguon, Yenping, via Foochow; South Yenping, Ding Giu U, Yenping, via Foochow, China.

France Mission.—

Genesee.—Buffalo, C. C. Wilbor, 618 Auburn Avenue, Buffalo; Corning, J. E. Williams, Hornell; Genesee, G. H. Dryer, 149 South Fitzhugh Street, Rochester; Niagara, S. A. Morse, Lockport; Olean, Thomas Cardus, Olean; Rochester, M. R. Webster, 193 Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Georgia.—Atlanta, W. A. Parsons, East Point; Blue Ridge, E. F. Dean, Epworth, Ga.

Gulf.—Marshall, H. H. McCain, Hughes Springs, Tex.; New Orleans, G. B. Hines, Lake Charles, La.; Red River, J. W. Lively, Marshall, Tex.

Hinghua.—Antau, Li Ko Ding, Antau; Hinghua City, Deng Cih Sing, Hinghua City; Ingchung, Ceng Ceong Ming, Ingchung; Duacheng, T. B. Owen, Ingchung; Singiu, Deng Seng Ngeng, Singiu City, China.

Hawaii Mission.— Superintendent and Presiding Elder, J. W. Wadman, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Holston.—Athens, J. S. Burnett, Athens; Bristol, E. G. Hutchinson, Wise, Va.; Clinton, J. M. Emert, Knoxville; Chattanooga, R. B. Stansell, Chattanooga; Greeneville, G. S. Bales, Johnson City; Knoxville, G. T. Francisco, Knoxville, Tenn.

Idaho.—Boise, G. W. Barnes, Boise, Ida.; La Grande, J. D. Gillilan, La Grande, Ore.

Illinois.—Bloomington, J. B. Horney, Bloomington; Champaign, C. B. Taylor, Urbana; Danville, S. H. Whitlock, Homer; Decatur, B. F. Shipp, Decatur; Jacksonville, G. E. Scringer, Jacksonville; Mattoon, Parker Shields, Charleston; Quincy, J. F. Wohlfarth, Quincy; Springfield, A. C. Byerly, Springfield; West Jacksonville, A. A. White, Jacksonville, Ill.

Indiana.—Bloomington, L. F. Dimmitt, Greencastle; Connersville, E. B. Rawls, Indianapolis; Evansville, J. W. Duncan, Evansville; Indianapolis, C. E. Bacon, Indianapolis; Moores Hill, C. C. Edwards, Moores Hill; New Albany, W. M. Whitsett, New Albany; Seymour, M. B. Hyde, Columbus; Vincennes, C. E. Asbury, Vincennes, Ind.

Iowa.—Burlington, T. J. Myers, Mount Pleasant; Keokuk, A. V. Kendrick, Keokuk; Muscatine, J. A. Boatman, Muscatine; Oskaloosa, J. M. McClelland, Oskaloosa; Ottumwa, H. N. Smith, Hedrick, Ia.

Italy.—Mediterranean, N. W. Clark, Via Firenze 38, Rome; Adriatic, Felice Dardi, Bologna, Italy; Switzerland, Eduardo Tourn, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Japan.—Hirosaki, Motojiro Yamaka, Hirosaki; Hokkaido, C. W. Huett, Sapporo; Nagoya, G. F. Draper, Nagoya; Sendai, H. W. Schwartz, Sendai; Tokyo-Shinano, Kameji Ishizaka, Aoyama, Tokyo; Tokyo-Yokohama, Sennosuke Ogata, Noyama, Tokyo, Japan.

Kansas.—Atchison, J. W. Alderman, Kansas City; Clay Center, W. C. Hanson, Clay Center; Kansas City, J. S. Ford, Kansas City; Manhattan, J. R. Madison, Manhattan; Topeka, Edwin Locke, Topeka, Kan.

Kentucky.—Ashland, J. M. Ackman, Ashland; Covington, F. W. Harrop, Latonia; Lexington, J. R. Howes, Barboursville; Louisville, F. L. Creech, Leitchfield, Ky.

Korea Mission Conference.—Chemulpo, E. M. Cable, Chemulpo; Kong-chu, W. C. Swearer, Konju; Pyeng-yang, W. A. Noble, Pyeng-yang; Seoul, G. H. Jones, Seoul; Yeng-Byen, C. D. Morris, Yeng-Byen, Korea.

Lexington.—Indiana, D. E. Skelton, 629 Agnes Street, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lexington, L. M. Haygood, 216 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, Ky.; Louisville, H. W. Tate, 522 Jackson Street, Louisville, Ky.; Maysville, G. W. Zeigler, Box 12, Covington, Ky.; Ohio, E. A. White, 3053 Kerper Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Liberia.—Bassa, P. T. Parker, Buchanan; Monrovia, W. T. Hagan, Monrovia; Saint Paul River, A. L. Sims, Monrovia; Cape Palmas, J. C. Sherrill, Harper; Sinoe, C. A. Lincoln, Greenville, Liberia.

Lincoln.—Guthrie, W. F. Smith, Shawnee; Muskogee, D. G. Franklin, Guthrie, Okla.; Topeka, J. J. Cabbell, Independence, Kan.

Little Rock.—Clow, D. B. Harston, Little Rock; Forrest City, L. G. Hodges, Forrest City; Fort Smith, M. N. Langston, Fort Smith; Little Rock, W. S. Sherrill, Little Rock; Pine Bluff, Silas McDonald, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Louisiana.—Alexandria, J. J. Obee, New Orleans; Baton Rouge, J. W. Turner, Baton Rouge; Lake Charles, J. W. Clark, Lake Charles; Monroe, J. O. Brown, Monroe; New Orleans North, J. F. Marshall, New Orleans; New Orleans South, B. M. Hubbard, New Orleans; Shreveport, Hubbard Daniel, Shreveport, La.

Maine.—Augusta, G. D. Holmes, Lewiston; Central, C. F. Parsons, Portland; Portland, B. C. Wentworth, Old Orchard, Me.

Malaysia.—Federated Malay States, W. E. Horley, Kuala Lumpor, Selangor, Federated Malay States; Netherlands Indies, J. R. Denyes, Batavia, Java; Singapore, W. T. Cherry, Singapore, Straits Settlements; Penang, H. L. E. Luering, Penang, Straits Settlements.

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Recently, in response to inquiries as to the authority of the Trustees to accept in trust gifts of money or other property, and administer the same according to the direction of the persons making them, for the benefit of the Conference claimants, with the condition that the donor might be the beneficiary thereof during life, and with the further condition and provision that on the death of the donor "Conference Claimants" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as defined in its Discipline, should thereafter become the beneficiaries of said gifts, the Board decided to accept and administer such gifts of money or property, either for Conference claimants in general, or for those of any Conference designated by the donor, also funds for the benefit of any other form of church benevolence in addition to those mentioned above. It would greatly benefit the benevolent institutions of our church if our members would call the attention of others to the fact that our church has such an agency.

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DELEGATES TO THE EUROPEAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONGRESS, SAINT MARK'S CHURCH, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, SEPT. 4-8, 1907

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EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This epochal Congress, held in Saint Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 4–8, 1907, bore eloquent testimony to the remarkable growth and virility of the Methodist Episcopal denomination on the continent of Europe. We say remarkable, for be it remembered that our work dates back only to 1849—the year of the establishment of our Missions in Germany. We are indebted to Bishop William Burt, D.D., president of the Congress, for the following sketch of the personnel and proceedings of the Congress and to Rev. George A. Simons, superintendent of the Finland and Saint Petersburg Mission Conference, for the splendid photograph of the delegates to the Congress from the Conferences and Missions, ten in number, of our denomination in Europe. Brother Simons, whose residence is in Saint Petersburg, Russia, was transferred in 1907 from the New York East Conference, where he had earned an enviable record, to the Finland and Saint Petersburg Mission Conference.

In response to a general feeling in favor of holding a delegated European Methodist Congress, the Denmark Conference, supported by the other Scandinavian Conferences, sent a formal invitation to the other European Conferences which was accepted to meet in Copenhagen. Delegates were duly elected by the several Conferences. Since there was no Committee of Arrangements, we prepared the program and assigned the subjects for the papers to be read by delegates and called the Congress to meet in Saint Mark's Church, Copenhagen, September 4–8, 1907.

The names of the delegates are given in the accompanying cut. Among the subjects were: 1. "The Promotion of the Spirit of Unity and Fraternity among European Methodists." 2. "Epworth League and Young People's Societies." 3. "Aggressive Evangelism, Methodism and the Greek Church." 4. "Methodism and Romanism." 5. "Union of European Methodism and Missions." 6. "The Paying of Church Debts." 7. "The Question of Self-support." 8. "Brotherhoods or Work for Men." 9. "Our Attitude toward Existing State

Churches." 10. "Our Attitude toward Political Parties." 11. "Methodism and Total Abstinence." 12. "The Deaconess Work." 13. "Preparation of our Ministers." 14. "How to Meet the Social Problems of our Day." 15. "Methodist Literature."

The following resolutions adopted by the Congress indicate the work accomplished:

1. That we request the General Conference, to be held in Baltimore, May, 1908, to grant permission for the organization of a Central Conference in Europe according to the provisions of the Discipline, paragraph 87, including laymen as well as ministers.

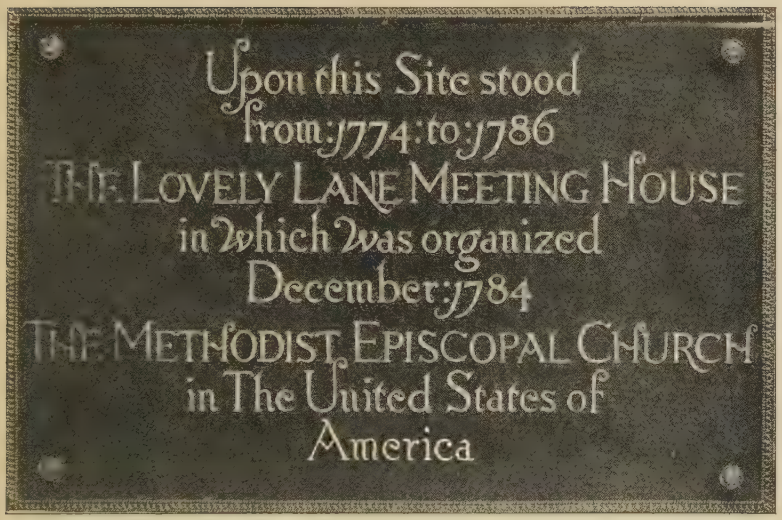
2. That we establish a Central Bureau of Methodist information.

3. The organization of a Prayer League.

4. That in order to arouse a more effective interest among our people for missionary work and to bring them into closer connection with missionary workers on special fields, we respectfully ask the Board of Foreign Missions, after consultation with the resident Bishop, to assign to each of the Annual Conferences in Europe a particular mission, station or district, and to use the missionary money collected by that Conference for the support of that station or district according to the station-plan. We also express the hope that the Board will employ on this plan, as far as possible, missionaries from our European Conferences.

We would also suggest and recommend to the Mission Board the appointment of a Field Secretary for the European Conferences, and of one or more Committees for the examination and recommendation of Missionary Candidates from this field. Hearty endorsement was given to the "European Reading Circle," "November Conversation," "Bible Sunday," "Decision Day," "Wesley Brotherhood," "Self-support," "Total Abstinence," "Social Improvement" and other matters in which our European Methodism is taking a vigorous lead. A decided emphasis was given to aggressive work in Greek Church and Roman Catholic countries. The continuous Episcopal administration has been so satisfactory that "This European Congress, composed of delegates from all the Annual Conferences and Mission Conferences in Europe, most heartily endorses the administration of our resident Bishop, Dr. William Burt, who has shown a statesmanlike grasp of the religious situation on the Continent and has endeared himself to all our preachers and people. We earnestly and unanimously petition the General Conference to reassign him to the Episcopal residence in Europe during the coming quadrennium." All agreed that great progress had been made during the past four years in the development of the spirit of union. Though we came from many lands representing twelve different languages, we were one in heart and purpose. We can never forget the cordial fellowship and holy communion which characterized all our meetings.

The growth of the Church for the quadrennium, 1904–1907 inclusive, is indicated by the following gains: Ministers, 44; members, 6,254; Sunday schools, 88; officers and teachers, 412; scholars, 5,358; Missionary collections, $830; Ministerial support, $39,808; churches, 60; parsonages, 28; other buildings, 3; value of property, $830,185; collections for all purpose, $1,492,399.



MEMORIAL TABLET MARKING THE SITE OF LOVELY LANE MEETING HOUSE, BALTIMORE, MD.

SUPPORT OF BISHOPS, PRESIDING ELDERS, AND PASTORS

WHEREAS the column devoted to "Ministerial Support" in the General Minutes gives in a lump sum the support of pastors, presiding elders, and bishops, we have determined to segregate these classes for the information of the Church. The table covers all of our domestic Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions for 1907, excepting that the figures for 1906 are used for Conferences held late in November and December. Missions are included since the superintendents thereof perform the functions of presiding elders; indeed some Missions, Utah, for example, have both a superintendent and presiding elder, while North Montana (now a Conference) in 1906 had two presiding elders but no superintendent. We would fain have given the data for our foreign Conferences and Missions, but since only six of them reported these items the figures would have been too fragmentary to be of any value.

The average payment for the support of presiding elders is $1,618, each, and for pastors $826.

Conferences and Missions	Bishops	Presiding Elders			Pastors		
		No. of	Support	Average Per P. E.	No. of	Support	Average Per Pastor
Alabama	$53	4	$1,041	$260	64	$10,550	$164.84
Arizona	228	1	1,001	1,001	22	22,843	1,038.31
Arkansas	93	3	1,527	509	52	16,456	316.46
Atlanta	137	4	4,048	1,012	79	22,540	285.32
Atlantic	7	1	245	245	15	2,677	178.47
Austin	179	3	1,368	456	47	19,565	416.28
Baltimore	2,688	5	12,968	2,593	215	234,716	1,091.70
Black Hills	59	1	764	764	15	11,081	738.73
Blue Ridge	[22	3	832	277	33	5,811	176.09]
California	1,315	6	11,679	1,946	185	171,664	927.91
California German	120	1	869	869	16	13,195	824.69
Central Alabama	49	3	2,086	695	52	11,085	213.25
Central German	929	4	5,745	1,436	98	76,999	785.70
Central Illinois	1,745	5	12,321	2,464	201	207,099	1,030.34
Central Missouri	160	3	3,148	1,049	81	25,949	320.36
Central New York	1,832	5	9,851	1,970	213	190,661	894.88
Central Ohio	1,749	6	13,594	2,266	172	173,644	1,009.56
Central Pennsylvania	3,203	5	15,049	3,000	261	262,637	1,006.27
Central Swedish	303	3	2,608	869	53	32,181	605.68
Central Tennessee	51	3	1,150	383	40	8,861	221.52
Chicago German	616	3	3,306	1,102	70	48,328	690.40
Cincinnati	1,687	5	11,200	2,240	165	174,755	1,059.12
Colorado	1,495	5	11,038	2,208	177	148,506	839.02
Columbia River	812	4	8,593	2,148	130	99,611	766.24
Dakota	876	5	8,612	1,722	145	111,498	768.95
Delaware	607	5	6,713	1,342	151	80,338	532.04
Des Moines	2,144	6	13,884	2,314	217	218,349	1,006.20
Detroit	2,176	8	16,320	2,040	324	274,686	846.56
East German	544	2	3,343	1,671	52	48,369	930.17
East Maine	537	3	4,237	1,412	117	68,676	586.97
East Ohio	2,676	8	16,856	2,107	252	269,749	1,070.43
East Oklahoma Mission	728	2	778	364	30	11,361	376.36
East Tennessee	115	5	2,605	521	61	17,595	288.44
Eastern Swedish	195	2	1,068	534	34	18,656	548.71
Erie	1,787	6	11,833	1,972	210	207,334	987.30
Florida	120	3	1,926	642	62	113,787	222.37
Genesee	2,248	6	12,929	2,155	267	262,380	982.70
Georgia	23	2	447	223	20	4,970	248.00
Gulf	109	3	1,255	418	38	13,699	360.26
Holston	514	6	6,492	1,082	127	65,387	514.23
Idaho	260	2	2,765	1,382	47	33,026	702.68
Illinois	2,614	9	19,336	2,148	302	286,934	950.13
Indiana	2,341	8	19,470	2,434	274	228,409	833.61
Iowa	1,574	5	9,334	1,867	134	130,055	970.56
Kalispell Mission	36	1	294	294	10	4,437	443.70
Kansas	1,334	5	9,133	1,827	144	125,259	869.85
Kentucky	197	4	4,670	1,167	99	49,216	496.36
Lexington	181	5	5,401	1,080	127	45,168	355.65
Lincoln	39	3	1,281	427	55	10,226	185.93
Little Rock	46	5	2,344	469	82	14,661	178.79
Louisiana	274	6	7,134	1,189	188	56,911	302.72
Maine	639	3	4,157	1,385	112	75,667	675.60
Michigan	2,012	7	15,179	2,168	329	251,285	763.79
Minnesota	917	4	8,611	2,153	134	119,700	893.29
Mississippi	160	6	6,240	1,240	117	41,812	357.36
Missouri	870	5	8,425	1,685	137	100,079	730.50
Mobile	80	3	1,759	586	43	10,393	259.82
Montana	316	2	2,705	1,352	41	36,791	897.34
Nebraska	1,320	5	10,190	2,038	166	135,100	813.25
Nevada Mission	204	1	1,072	1,072	27	21,591	799.67
New England	1,843	4	10,301	2,575	248	281,501	1,135.09
New England Southern	1,472	3	6,724	2,241	176	154,239	876.36
New Hampshire	880	3	4,099	1,366	140	86,078	614.84

Conferences and Missions	Bishops	Presiding Elders			Pastors		
		No. of	Support	Average Per P. E.	No. of	Support	Average Per Pastor
New Jersey	$3,052	4	$9,577	$2,394	243	$245,916	$1,012.00
New Mexico English	88	1	786	786	15	13,736	915.73
New Mexico Spanish	[12	5	142	28	34	2,197	64.61]
New York	2,804	4	12,802	3,200	269	337,610	1,255.06
New York East	3,031	4	14,501	3,625	291	422,341	1,451.34
Newark	3,280	4	13,346	3,336	265	314,653	1,187.36
North Carolina	154	5	3,827	765	79	24,517	310.34
North Dakota	520	3	7,398	2,466	129	105,501	817.84
North Indiana	2,470	6	13,041	2,173	216	209,112	968.06
North Montana Mission	139	2	1,062	531	24	4,956	206.50
North Nebraska	827	4	7,061	1,765	117	99,103	847.03
North Ohio	1,313	5	9,703	1,941	160	144,046	900.29
Northern German	395	3	3,171	1,057	50	31,614	612.28
Northern Minnesota	816	5	8,432	1,686	183	134,519	735.08
Northern New York	1,901	5	8,759	1,752	192	154,136	802.79
Northern Swedish	199	2	1,681	840	46	22,963	499.20
Northwest German	359	3	2,805	935	47	26,829	570.83
Northwest Indiana	1,502	5	11,474	2,295	177	152,750	863.00
Northwest Iowa	1,704	5	10,131	2,026	182	159,428	875.98
Northwest Kansas	824	5	6,744	1,349	129	916.19	764.49
Northwest Nebraska	143	2	1,359	679	29	16,287	561.62
Norwegian and Danish	259	3	2,863	954	68	32,443	477.06
Ohio	1,820	8	15,854	1,982	205	197,227	962.09
Oklahoma	510	6	7,177	1,196	161	89,141	553.67
Oregon	853	4	7,041	1,760	80	77,146	964.32
Pacific German	104	2	1,009	505	21	10,595	504.52
Pacific Japanese Mission	42	1	1,009	1,009	12	9,132	761.00
Philadelphia	4,605	4	13,449	3,362	322	383,619	1,191.36
Pittsburg	2,874	5	13,770	2,754	257	330,381	1,285.53
Puget Sound	1,360	5	9,597	1,919	148	113,725	768.41
Rock River	3,723	6	19,628	3,271	312	373,203	1,196.48
Saint Johns River	133	2	997	498	25	16,629	665.16
Saint Louis	1,200	7	13,257	1,894	186	136,229	732.36
Saint Louis German	549	4	5,067	1,267	91	59,940	658.68
Savannah	131	4	3,139	785	62	14,641	235.71
South Carolina	220	8	9,430	1,179	160	61,554	384.71
South Florida Mission	21	1	310	310	18	2,976	165.33
South Kansas	1,249	4	8,280	2,070	126	119,401	947.62
Southern California	1,578	4	10,349	2,587	165	166,236	1,007.49
Southern German	183	2	901	450	31	15,029	484.81
Southern Illinois	1,032	6	10,289	1,715	201	142,169	707.31
Southwest Kansas	1,254	6	11,278	1,880	163	130,347	799.67
Tennessee	53	5	3,047	609	75	17,178	229.04
Texas	139	6	5,677	946	107	28,656	267.82
Troy	2,952	5	12,491	2,498	232	234,625	1,011.23
Upper Iowa	1,810	6	11,778	1,963	193	189,927	984.30
Upper Mississippi	164	7	5,952	850	128	37,319	291.55
Utah Mission	74	1	693	693	21	8,786	418.38
Vermont	712	3	4,170	1,390	112	75,628	675.25
Washington	791	6	7,243	1,207	141	80,295	596.47
West German	546	4	4,537	1,134	79	47,155	596.90
West Nebraska	520	3	4,284	1,428	94	70,438	749.25
West Texas	180	5	3,908	782	80	25,452	318.15
West Virginia	1,428	8	13,872	1,734	234	169,929	726.19
West Wisconsin	852	5	7,889	1,578	165	131,041	794.18
Western Norwegian-Danish	46	2	512	256	22	8,895	404.32
Western Swedish	188	3	1,206	402	42	18,020	429.05
Wilmington	1,718	4	8,081	2,020	181	158,883	877.81
Wisconsin	1,098	5	8,834	1,767	165	153,608	930.96
Wyoming	1,984	6	11,124	1,854	190	199,570	1,050.37
Wyoming Mission	139	1	1,273	1,273	24	16,562	690.00
Total	119,167	516	834,970		15,671	12,944,309	

THE WHITE SHIELD LEAGUE

This League, organized by the General Conference of 1904, is the official temperance society of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, and as such is in affiliation with the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The badge of the League is a white shield in the form of a pin or button. Condition of membership: "I hereby declare that with God's help I will abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, and will use all honorable means to discourage their sale and use by others."

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THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Provision was made by the General Conference of 1904 for the organization of the above-named Society (Discipline, ¶434). The management thereof is vested "in a Board of Managers, consisting of a bishop, who shall be president, and fifteen persons residing in the territory in, near, or convenient of access to Chicago, who shall be nominated by the bishops and elected by the General Conference."

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COMMISSION ON REVISION OF RITUAL

PURSUANT to action of the General Conference of 1904, the Board of Bishops appointed a Commission of seven to "consider and make a revision of the Ritual and report to the next General Conference."

The Commission is constituted as follows:

Bishop L. B. Wilson, Drs. R. J. Cooke, E. S. Ninde, C. T. Winchester, C. J. Little, Wallace MacMullen and F. M. Bristol.

Of this commission Bishop Luther B. Wilson is the president and Dr. R. J. Cooke is the secretary. The first meeting was held in November, 1905, and a general review of Revision was made. To each member a service of the Ritual was assigned for special study. The work of Revision will probably be completed in 1908.

COMMISSION ON FEDERATION

AT the last General Conference the powers of this Commission were so enlarged that it could meet like Commissions from other churches, receive overtures, and report to the General Conference of 1908. It is constituted as follows:

Bishop S. M. Merrill,[1] Bishop J. M. Walden, Bishop C. D. Foss, Rev. J. F. Goucher, Rev. J. T. Jackson, Rev. R. J. Cooke, R. T. Miller, W. H. Murray, T. B. Sweet.

The Commission held a meeting in Baltimore, Md., in 1905, and considered the feasibility of suggesting a council of Federation, and took a few other steps in the matter of Methodist fraternity.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

THE following statistics were obtained in some instances from the printed minutes of our Annual Conferences, but inasmuch as diversified methods are used by Conference Stewards and Secretaries in tabulating their data we sent a circular to Conference Secretaries and Stewards asking for definite statistical details, to the end that we might present in the YEAR BOOK a uniform series of items concerning this important administrative interest. While the information obtained and given is not all that could be desired, it is nevertheless of value in its bearing upon the burning question before the Church: "What shall be done for our Conference Claimants?" We hereby acknowledge our indebtedness to Rev. L. F. W. Leseman, D.D., of Chicago, for valuable data obtained from his pamphlet issued in 1906 entitled "The Provisions for the Support of Conference Claimants."

[1] Deceased.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

CONFERENCES, 1907	Receipts						Disbursements				Beneficiaries			Miscellaneous
	Conference Collections	Book Concern Dividend	Chartered Fund Dividend	Endowment Fund or Preachers' Aid	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts	To Superannuates and Supernumeraries	To Widows and Orphans	To Special Necessitous Cases	Total Disbursements	Ministers	Widows and Orphans	Total Number of Beneficiaries	Endowment of Preachers' Aid Fund Held
Alabama	$130	$355	$22	$....	$....	$597	$137	$370	$....	$507	5	10	15	$....
Arkansas	212	340	22	....	....	574	336	238	....	574	9	7	16	....
Atlanta	507	604	22	....	....	1,133	522	610	....	1,132	12	14	26	....
Atlantic	....	86	....	....	1	87	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	539
Austin	254	130	22	....	....	406	275	234	....	509	2	2	4	....
Baltimore	7,424	2,068	22	4,750	....	14,264	7,484	6,725	....	14,209	30	42	72	4,750
Blue Ridge	52	234	22	....	40	348	105	243	....	348	3	6	9	158
California	7,167	2,267	22	....	2,511	11,967	6,732	4,235	....	10,967	46	35	81	10,428
California German	393	160	22	390	7	972	410	562	....	972	3	7	10	13,000
Central Alabama	38	310	22	....	....	370	189	81	....	270	14	31	45	....
Central German	3,634	1,090	22	2,000	....	6,746	1,333	2,030	....	2,363	19	46	65	47,000
Central Illinois	2,974	2,033	22	545	122	5,696	2,680	2,762	250	5,692	32	37	69	50,000
Central Missouri	237	605	22	....	....	864	484	399	....	883	12	10	22	....
Central New York	6,209	2,111	22	900	153	9,395	3,920	5,407	....	9,327	24	41	65	27,126
Central Ohio	3,609	2,025	22	....	....	5,656	2,069	3,192	404	5,656	23	32	55	....
Central Pennsylvania	10,252	2,397	22	1,800	132	14,603	5,020	9,565	....	14,585	32	60	92	64,881
Central Swedish	935	380	22	....	....	1,337	425	725	....	1,150	3	7	10	3,456
Central Tennessee	79	295	22	....	....	396	220	176	....	396	4	6	10	....
Chicago German (1906)	1,259	619	22	....	....	1,900	1,145	755	....	1,900	7	8	15	....
Cincinnati	6,712	1,817	22	2,000	38	10,589	6,612	3,667	....	10,279	26	29	55	82,739
Colorado	1,963	1,428	22	879	197	4,489	1,222	2,363	904	4,489	6	33	39	25,528
Columbia River (1906)	1,591	807	22	....	171	2,585	1,160	1,000	....	2,160	12	11	23	425
Dakota	1,910	1,038	22	....	102	3,072	1,770	1,302	....	3,072	12	10	22	1,450
Delaware	950	1,177	22	....	30	2,179	999	1,190	....	2,189	13	37	50	....
Des Moines	5,103	2,284	22	1,867	125	9,401	5,283	4,117	....	9,400	34	37	71	119,718
Detroit	7,683	2,994	22	....	....	10,699	6,227	5,557	....	11,784	56	54	110	78,000
East German	1,109	458	22	974	....	2,563	1,810	1,135	....	2,945	4	7	11	30,000
East Maine	1,023	848	22	1,223	212	3,328	1,385	1,600	....	2,985	8	15	23	20,184
East Ohio	6,308	2,457	22	660	171	9,618	4,349	5,269	....	9,618	32	61	93	36,500
East Tennessee	92	441	22	....	....	555	295	285	65	555	4	6	10	....
Eastern Swedish	312	259	22	....	111	704	100	125	....	225	1	3	4	1,500
Erie	5,652	1,955	22	2,239	1,150	11,018	6,126	4,672	....	10,798	41	45	86	55,347
Florida	140	385	22	....	....	547	262	200	....	462	19	10	29	....
Genesee	10,960	2,414	22	1,115	626	15,137	8,145	6,810	....	14,955	36	52	88	20,762

Georgia	31	136	22	43	...	232	106	126		232	2	4	6	600
Gulf (1906)	65	196	22	....	22	335	300			300	3	....	3	67
Holston	1,288	1,185	22	....	....	2,495	1,570	925	....	2,495	20	24	44	
Idaho	399	398	22	23	50	892	750		....	750	5	....	5	500
Illinois (1906)	7,604	3,167	22	742	492	12,027	5,174	6,846	....	12,020	45	64	109	
Indiana	7,282	2,648	22	3,054	13	13,019	6,982	6,014	....	12,996	51	63	114	57,404
Iowa	2,819	1,402	22	....	....	4,243	1,350	2,885	....	4,235	10	22	32	30,349
Kansas	4,024	1,557	22	200	....	5,803	3,546	2,257	....	5,803	20	18	38	1,988
Kentucky	595	744	22	1,867	20	3,248	2,295	865	....	3,160	16	7	23	31,200
Lexington	332	917	22	....	....	1,271	335	675	261	1,271	23	21	44	....
Lincoln	27	372	22	....	....	421	421		....	421	35	....	35	....
Little Rock	96	567	22	....	....	685	369	395	....	764	10	9	19	
Louisiana	500	1,231	22	68	555	2,376	726	1,104	....	1,830	29	36	65	478
Maine	1,310	917	22	1,944	211	4,404	2,415	1,920	....	4,335	16	21	37	41,516
Michigan	8,691	2,994	22	3,853	1,404	16,964	11,706	5,258	....	16,964	78	49	127	200,129
Minnesota	2,525	1,436	22	503	40	4,526	3,479	1,046	....	4,525	28	15	43	66,000
Mississippi	177	876	22	....	....	1,075	360	715	....	1,075	12	20	32	
Missouri	3,015	1 255	22	1,020	97	5,409	2,635	2,725	....	5,360	16	20	36	8,250
Mobile	45	272	22	....	....	339	149	148	....	297	10	9	19	
Montana	721	493	22	....	181	1,417	517	900	....	1,417	2	6	8	
Nebraska	3,492	1,345	22	180	83	5,122	3,466	1,849	....	5,315	26	19	45	....
New England	5,637	1,473	22	1 578	1,035	9,745	4,265	4,362	....	8,627	22	36	58	35,413
New England Southern	4,261	1,480	22	2,021	269	8,053	3,900	2,925	....	6,825	18	25	43	15,844
New Hampshire	1,511	1,004	22	945	138	3,620	1,645	1,951	....	3,596	10	19	29	22,000
New Jersey	7,827	1,886	22	....	....	9,735	2,990	6,740	....	9,730	18	48	66	
New Mexico Spanish														
New York	12,865	2,570	22	12,050	150	27,657	15,704	12,126	250	28,080	49	70	119	
New York East	18,787	2,587	22	4,000	203	25,599	16,237	9,362	2,810	28,409	49	74	123	3,381
Newark	10,293	2,007	22	3,433	...	15,755	7,220	8,735	....	15,955	26	56	82	
North Carolina	231	657	22	....	2	912	361	549	....	910	5	8	13	
North Dakota (1906)	670	778	22	....	....	1,470	1,130	340	....	1,470	7	3	10	
North Indiana	7,387	2,302	22	1,844	..	11,555	7,741	3,607	165	11,513	33	30	63	69,366
North Nebraska	1,273	1,142	22	....	..	2,437	1,369	1,078	....	2,438	10	13	23	1,889
North Ohio	2,716	1,653	22	63	100	4,554	2,427	2,120	....	4,547	25	33	58	15,312
Northern German														8,000
Northern Minnesota (1906)	3,271	1,080	22	....	25	4,398	1,357	2,948	....	4,305	12	26	38	3,905
Northern New York	4,829	1,782	22	62	12	6,707	4,500	3,237	....	7,737	38	35	73	89,788
Northern Swedish	210	294	22	....	....	526	75	225	....	300	1	1	2	877
Northwest German	400	504	22	....	....	926	641	285	....	926	4	2	6	13,000
Northwest Indiana	4,368	1,497	22	2,777	5	8,669	4,908	3,749	....	8,657	27	33	60	60,850
Northwest Iowa	3,500	1,722	22	492	10	5,746	4,012	1,328	406	5,746	23	12	35	12,772
Northwest Kansas	2,300	1,029	22	....	....	3,351	1,965	1,400	....	3,365	16	8	24	2,297
Northwest Nebraska	385	207	22	....	....	614	275	100	....	375	1	1	2	...
Norwegian and Danish	553	545	22	80	12	1,212	863	300	....	1,163	8	3	11	1,855
Ohio	4,954	2,276	22	3,214	....	10,466	5,775	4,683	....	10,458	37	41	78	73,664
Oklahoma	1,065	1,042	22	639	....	2,759	1,116	1,219	....	2,335	13	10	23	9,000
Oregon	1,773	969	22	123	1,113	4,000	2,550	1,450	....	4,000	15	10	25	2,947
Pacific German	124	242	22	152	....	540	540	....	....	540	4	....	4	4,000

CONFERENCES, 1907	Receipts						Disbursements				Beneficiaries			Miscellaneous
	Conference Collections	Book Concern Dividend	Chartered Fund Dividend	Endowment Fund or Preachers Aid	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts	To Superannuates and Supernumeraries	To Widows and Orphans	To Special Necessitous Cases	Total Disbursements	Ministers	Widows and Orphans	Total Number of Beneficiaries	Endowment or Preachers Aid Fund Held
Philadelphia	$13,092	$2,786	$22	$3,743	$24	$19,667	$8,300	$11,367	$....	$19,667	34	66	100	$94,012
Pittsburg	8,512	2,103	22	4,603	778	16,018	6,529	9,364	....	15,893	30	59	89	90,000
Puget Sound	2,779	1,329	22	....	165	4,295	2,230	2,065	....	4,295	15	14	29	....
Rock River	9,734	2,778	22	1,413	150	14,097	8,050	6,200	....	14,250	30	38	68	59,000
Saint Johns River	208	151	22	....	....	381	381	....	....	381	2	....	2	....
Saint Louis	3,065	1,410	22	327	1	4,825	2,575	2,220	....	4,795	20	22	42	7,175
Saint Louis German	2,600	1,177	22	1,600	....	5,399	[2,000	1,500]	....	3,500	33	25	58	29,000
Savannah	134	529	22	....	....	685	200	485	....	685	4	9	13	....
South Carolina	322	1,118	22	....	....	1,462	847	632	....	1,479	18	19	37	....
South Kansas	3,791	1,332	22	....	....	5,145	3,977	1,584	500	6,061	33	18	51	6,047
Southern California	6,253	1,635	22	5,099	....	13,009	6,522	6,465	....	12,987	30	25	55	134,813
Southern German	879	287	22	100	....	1,288	780	508	....	1,288	4	5	9	3,000
Southern Illinois	4,798	1,505	22	....	118	6,443	2,662	3,541	....	6,203	21	40	61	....
Southwestern Kansas	3,887	1,324	22	....	....	5,233	3,070	2,163	....	5,233	18	16	34	1,146
Tennessee 1906	41	582	22	....	....	645	300	345	....	645	28	16	44	230
Texas	308	876	22	....	....	1,206	450	758	....	1,208	15	35	50	200
Troy	9,039	2,258	22	3,600	39	14,958	9,495	5,415	....	14,910	51	59	110	88,000
Upper Iowa	7,622	1,964	22	....	10	9,618	4,937	3,835	....	8,772	37	36	73	35,000
Upper Mississippi	172	884	22	....	....	1,078	307	666	....	973	8	20	28	....
Vermont	1,297	908	22	1,154	65	3,446	1,760	1,684	....	3,444	9	17	26	39,839
Washington	823	1,203	22	....	106	2,154	589	1,400	181	2,170	28	33	61	....
West German	1,510	755	22	....	....	2,287	1,626	634	....	2,260	20	9	29	12,329
West Nebraska	950	753	22	....	....	1,725	1,105	620	....	1,725	8	5	13	6,570
West Texas	341	....	22	....	....	636	451	561	....	1,012	20	18	38	600
West Virginia	3,291	1,912	22	....	....	5,225	4,045	2,270	....	6,315	42	27	69	19,906
West Wisconsin	2,041	1,367	22	1,216	155	4,801	3,150	1,651	....	4,801	31	25	56	27,000
Western Norwegian-Danish	112	181	22	14	1	330	325	....	....	325	2	....	2	265
Western Swedish	403	268	22	....	10	703	168	535	....	703	1	4	5	3,236
Wilmington	6 887	1 549	22	95	267	8.820	3,105	5.665	....	8.770	20	44	64	12.350
Wisconsin	5,670	1,480	22	1,949	216	9,337	4,929	2,405	....	7,334	25	21	46	47,832
Wyoming	7,456	2,051	22	3,396	100	13,025	6,668	5,620	650	12,938	38	35	73	80,121
Total	351,686	134,156	2,420	96,723	14,235	598,652	312,873	271,231	6,846	590,950	2,187	2 595	4,782	2,375,803

READY REFERENCE COMPEND

Statistical [1]

Bishops			26
Ministers: On Trial		1,685	
Effective		13,889	
Supernumerary		906	
Superannuated		2,710	19,190
Local Preachers			14,057
Lay Members: Probationers		346,155	
Full Members		2,957,066	3,303,221
Sunday Schools			34,356
Sunday School Officers and Teachers		361,375	
Scholars		3,007,677	3,369,052
Baptisms: Children		96,132	
Adults		113,214	209,346
Deaths: Ministers		296	
Lay Members		42,377	42,673
Churches			29,523
Parsonages			13,079
Value of Churches		$160,094,874	
Value of Parsonages		26,829,150	$186,924,024
Indebtedness of Churches and Parsonages			12,127,248
Paid for Building and Improving			8,074,176
Paid on Old Indebtedness			2,568,173
Deaconesses: Licensed		985	
On Probation		446	1,431

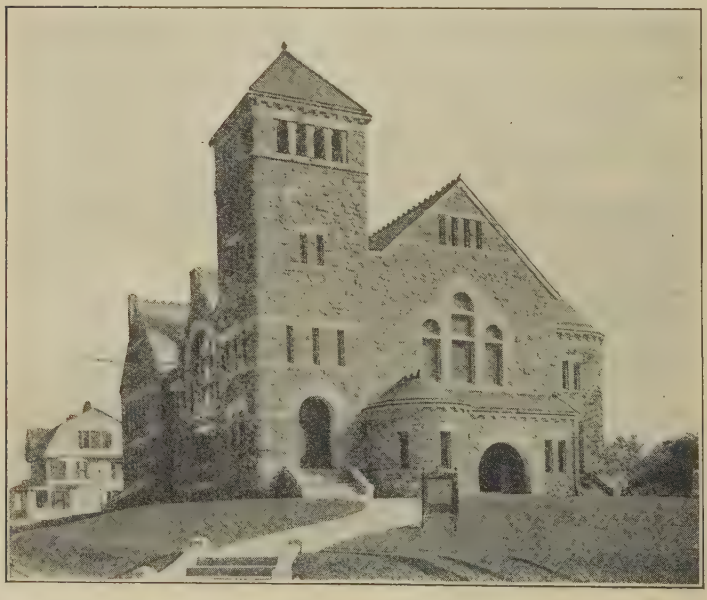
Official Benevolences [2]

Missions: Church (Foreign)	$887,993		
Sunday School (Undivided)	527,305		
Special Gifts (Foreign)	237,301	$1,652,599	
Woman's Foreign		560,672	
Woman's Home: Cash	$342,374		
Supplies	55,190	397,564	$2,610,835
Church Extension			69,954
Sunday School Union: Church		$10,797	
Sunday School		3,336	14,133
Tract Society			10,180
Freedmen's Aid, etc			58,121
Education: Public Collection		$229,783	
Children's Fund		87,763	317,546
American Bible Society			38,837
Home Missions and Church Extension: Church		$367,641	
Special Gifts		33,631	401,272
Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools: Church		$83,455	
Sunday School		9,123	92,578
Total Official Benevolent Collections, 1907			3,613,456
Ministerial Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, Bishops		$14,159,533	
Conference Claimants		401,053	14,560,586
Current Expenses: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Sunday School, etc			5,828,157

[1] Returns of eleven conferences held late in November and in December and East Tennessee Conference are taken from 1906. Final official returns in the General Minutes of the Fall Conferences will change the above figures slightly.

[2] Our receipts represent Conference Collections and vary from the receipts reported by the Benevolent Societies for their respective fiscal years. For the latter see the reports of these Societies in Chapter 5.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.



SAINT JOHN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

On the opposite page we present cuts of two beautiful Methodist Episcopal churches which celebrated their one hundredth anniversary in 1907: the first, May 2–12; the second, October 6–13.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Schenectady, N. Y.—Organized 1807, growing out of sermons preached in Schenectady by Captain Thomas Webb in 1767, and George Whitefield in 1770. Centennial observed May 2–10, 1907. Present membership, 1,500. Pastors, Fred Winslow Adams, D.D., and George E. Mayer.

Saint John's Methodist Episcopal Church, New Rochelle, N. Y.—Organized 1807; grew out of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, New Rochelle, which dates back to 1771. Membership, 1907, 527. Pastor, Rev. W. Wofford T. Duncan.

We had intended to insert a catalogue of churches which have attained the centennial period, but up to the hour of going to press our friends continued to send us records concerning these churches and we have decided to defer the publication thereof until the next issue of the Year Book, in which the subject can receive the attention it deserves.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS

The following table shows the increase in Sunday schools, officers, and teachers, and scholars, together with the membership of the church, year by year, 1901–1907 inclusive. We pointed out in the last Year Book the diminishing ratio of Sunday school membership to church membership, the extremes being shown in 1902, when the excess of Sunday school membership over church membership was 105,832, and in 1906, when it had fallen to 52,324. It is much easier to state this fact than to account for it. This year the excess of Sunday school membership is 65,831—an increase over 1906 of 13,507—the first gain recorded since 1904.

	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total	Increase	Church Membership	Increase	Excess of S. S. Membership
1901	31,695	347,596	2,697,113	3,044,709	9,439	2,950,015	20,560	94,694
1902	32,646	351,115	2,755,012	3,106,127	61,418	3,000,295	50,280	105,832
1903	32,512	349,895	2,774,747	3,124,642	18,515	3,021,918	31,623	92,724
1904	32,791	349,618	2,814,300	3,163,918	39,276	3,070,121	38,203	93,797
1905	33,255	354,843	2,873,172	3,228,015	64,107	3,148,292	78,171	79,723
1906	33,828	356,782	2,930,066	3,286,848	58,833	3,234,524	86,232	52,324
1907	34,356	361,375	3,007,677	3,369,052	82,204	3,303,221	68,697	65,831

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Of the 131 Annual Conferences 63 had voted on the proposed Constitutional Amendments, prior to November 1, 1907. Of the vote as tabulated by the Northwestern Christian Advocate we have made the analysis herewith presented. The Amendments are four in number:

Proposition I—Bishops for Races and Languages and Foreign Missions.

Proposition II—Iowa Conference, change of Ratio of Representation, 25 to 90.

Proposition III—West Wisconsin Conference, change of Ratio of Representation, 14 to 60.

Proposition IV—Illinois Conference, change of Ratio of Representation, 25 to 75.

Analysis of the Vote

Conferences have voted upon these proposed Amendments as follows:

Proposition I

Combined vote cast	8,952
Necessary to adopt, ⅔	5,968
Affirmative vote	2,824
Negative "	6,128

Proposition II

Combined vote cast	9,445
Necessary to adopt, ⅔	6,296⅔
Affirmative vote	2,476
Negative "	6,969

Proposition III

Combined vote cast	8,011
Necessary to adopt, ⅔	5,340⅔
Affirmative vote	2,246
Negative "	5,765

Proposition IV

Combined vote cast	7,714
Necessary to adopt, ⅔	5,142⅔
Affirmative vote	1,944
Negative "	5,770

GAINS IN CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

Thus far in the twentieth century, 1901–1907 inclusive, there has been an increase in the number of churches of 2,293. In the same period the net increase in the number of ministers was 1,350. We say "net" in the latter case because ministers die, and churches, as a rule, do not. For the seven years the necrological records show that 2,071 ministers have died, and this is a factor that must be reckoned with. Concerning local preachers, from whose ranks "supplies" are mainly drawn, at the close of 1900 their number was 14,126. At the close of 1907 it is 14,057; decrease, 69.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS

THESE Conferences, meeting once in four years, became a part of the organization and government of the Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with the introduction of Lay Delegation into our General and Annual Conferences in 1872.

Meetings are held "at the seat of the Annual Conferences on the first Friday of the session immediately preceding the General Conference." The enactments of the General Conference under which they are organized together with their functions are found in the Discipline, Div. 3, Article 3, ¶ 39–40, pages 36–38. "A Lay Electoral Conference shall be constituted quadrennially, or whenever duly called by the General Conference, within the bounds of each Annual Conference, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and for the purpose of voting on constitutional changes," etc.

In a number of our Conferences voluntary Associations of Laymen have been formed which convene at least once a year, usually during the session of the Annual Conference. Their object in general is to advance the interests of the church within the bounds of the Conference, and in many instances they are rendering efficient service, especially in connection with the raising of funds for Conference Claimants and the endowment of schools.

Lay Associations. We present herewith a list of the principal officers of such of these Associations as have come to our notice. We hope to make this a permanent feature of the YEAR BOOK.

Baltimore. *President*, Walter Kirwan, Baltimore; *Secretary*, Thomas G. De Ford, Catonsville; *Treasurer*, Dr. Herbert F. Gorgas, Baltimore.

California. *President*, D. C. Crummey, Los Gatos; *Secretary*, W. C. Lean, San Jose; *Treasurer*, F. L. Turpin, San Francisco.

Central Illinois. *President*, O. K. Morgan, Canton; *Secretary*, Dr. G. T. Douglas, Colfax; *Treasurer*, I. E. Merritt, Buckey, Ill.

Central Tennessee. *President*, Dr. W. J. O'Callaghan, White Bluff; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Miss Fannie Clayford, Nashville.

Cincinnati. *President*, Professor C. W. Bennett, Piqua; *Secretary*, William E. Brooks, Cincinnati; *Treasurer*, Edward E. Shipley, Cincinnati.

Columbia River. - *President*, J. W. Cookerly, Walla Walla; *Secretary*, John Sarginson, Spokane.

Detroit.— *President*, Dr. E. R. Downing, Marquette; *Secretary*, O. C. Seelye, Detroit; *Treasurer*, W. F. Palmer, Detroit.

Erie. *President*, Austin Blakeslee, Du Bois; *Secretary*, C. C. Benscoter, Brookville; *Treasurer*, Edward Appleyard, Jamestown, N. Y.

Holston.— *President*, J. A. Patten, Chattanooga; *Secretary*, S. H. Thompson, Chucky; *Treasurer*, J. W. Fisher, Newport.

Illinois.— In course of organization.

Minnesota. *President*, W. A. Sperry, Owatonna; *Secretary*, J. L. Mitchell, Austin; *Treasurer*, H. E. Woodis, Amboy.

Montana. *President*, J. H. Inch, Missoula; *Secretary*, Miss Clara McDonel, Philipsburg; *Treasurer*, J. E. Farnum, Miles City.

Newark. *President*, James R. Joy, Plainfield; *Secretary*, A. B. Meredith, Nutley; *Treasurer*, Frank S. Petter, Jersey City.

New York. *President*, Dr. H. L. Cookingham, Red Hook; *Secretary*, W. A. Leonard, New York city; *Treasurer*, G. F. Secor, Ossining.

North Ohio. *President*, R. S. Hoover, Cleveland; *Secretary*, E. L. Young, Norwalk; *Treasurer*, W. F. Kean, Wooster.

Northwest Indiana. *President*, J. W. Landrum, Terre Haute; *Corresponding Secretary*, H. D. Falls, Brazil; *Treasurer*, G. M. Blackstock, Lafayette, Ind.

Northwest Iowa. *President*, E. B. Soper, Emmettsburg; *Secretary-Treasurer*, E. G. Bowman, Ida Grove.

Oregon. *President*, Hon. R. A. Booth, Eugene; *Secretary*, T. S. McDaniel, Portland; *Treasurer*, B. Lee Paget, Oak Grove.

Philadelphia. President, Franklin P. Lewis; *Secretary*, William L. Megary; *Treasurer*, J. E. M. Keller, all of Philadelphia.

Pittsburg. *President*, W. W. Ulerich, Latrobe; *Secretary*, A. G. Williams, Butler; *Treasurer*, F. M. Mechling, Greensburg.

Puget Sound. *President*, L. E. Kirkpatrick, Seattle; *Secretary-Treasurer*, N. D. Pollom, Tacoma.

Rock River. *President*, J. B. Hobbs, Chicago; *Secretary*, H. B. Williams, Chicago; *Treasurer*, N. W. Harris, Chicago.

South Kansas. *President*, Professor O. G. Markham, Baldwin; *Secretary*, J. Luther Taylor, Pittsburg; *Treasurer*, Miss Nellie Beatty, Chanute.

Southern California. *President*, B. P. Daymon, Long Beach; *Secretaries*, Will W. Young, Long Beach, and W. H. Herman, Los Angeles; *Treasurer*, J. T. Shaffer, Wintersburg.

Southwest Kansas. - *President*, James Allison, Wichita; *Secretary*, F. W. Millikin, Burns; *Treasurer*, Glen Prather, Newton.

Troy. - *President*, Charles Gibson, Albany; *Secretary*, Charles McKernon, Pittsfield, Mass.; *Treasurer*, E. H. Strang, Mechanicsville, N. Y.

Upper Iowa. - *President*, T. J. B. Robinson, Hampton; *Secretary*, J. A. Cattell, Marshalltown; *Treasurer*, H. O. Leonard, Cedar Falls.

West Wisconsin.— *President*, A. P. Nelson, Grantsburg; *Secretary-Treasurer*, F. C. Jackson, Menomonie.

Wyoming. - *President*, Reed D. Freeman, Binghamton, N. Y.; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. A. Sanford, Waverly, Pa.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION

Sit down now and read.—Jer. 36. 15

IN no department of the church are the evidences of advancement and progress more pronounced than in the department of publication. There is committed to the publishing agents of our denominational literature vast responsibility, not merely for the wise administration of a great financial trust, but likewise for the ethical and spiritual tone of the publications which bear the imprint of the Book Concern. That these interests are properly safeguarded no one attempts to gainsay. It is gratifying to know that the maximum of dividends for the beneficiaries of the church have been distributed in 1907, namely, $150,000.

THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN IN NEW YORK CITY

Continued prosperity has characterized the New York house throughout the fiscal year closing October 31, 1907. In the department of labor, the departure, initiated by the Book Concern among publishers, of an eight hour day has prevailed throughout the year. The experiment, while it was expected not to yield the full results of a nine hour day, has been, on the whole, very satisfactory. The policy of the administration holds undeviatingly to the purposes of giving to the patrons the best at the lowest cost, and at the same time of doing all possible under such conditions to give practical aid and comfort to our superannuated ministry.

In the publishing department, the year has produced an unusual number of superior books, these new volumes averaging about three books for every two weeks in the year. The publishers confidently invite the attention of all readers of the YEAR BOOK to the exceptionally desirable character of this recent list of books, both on account of their variety and excellence, and also for the reasonable prices for which they may be purchased. The aim of the publishers has been to reach the real needs of all classes and all ages among thoughtful Christian readers.

The YEAR BOOK is issued too early in the winter to admit of the insertion of many detailed items which will appear in the publishers' report of the house for the year ending October 31, 1907.

THE WESTERN BOOK CONCERN

IN their report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1906, the Agents, Messrs. Jennings & Graham, say:

The year just closed has been one of unusual prosperity to the Western Book Concern. This is true, both as respecting the gross sales of the year and the showing of net earnings; and what is of still

greater importance, as we believe, the largely increased sale of the productions of our own presses. The sale of books of our own manufacture and publication has been very gratifying. We have actually sold during the year of books, either wholly printed and bound at Cincinnati, or of sheets bought in England and Scotland and bound in Cincinnati, 558,243 volumes. The sale of the new Hymnal has not kept up during the year to our expectation. The Hymnal is in no less favor than it was expected to be but during the years immediately preceding its issue the Western House sold 400,000 copies of the special thirty-cent edition of the old Hymnal. . . . Those who had been waiting for the new book immediately supplied themselves. Within a year or two we shall have a very much larger sale than at present, since the old books will then be worn out. Of the *Advocates* published by the Western House the Agents say: "We bring a better report than we had a year ago." Concerning the Sunday school periodicals they declare: "We have gone forward steadily in pushing the circulation of our list of Sunday school periodicals. They have had a healthy growth." The Western edition of the Methodist Review showed a gratifying list of new subscribers and a net profit for the publishers.

DEPOSITORIES

The depositories of the New York House for 1908 are as follows:

Boston, Mass.: 36 Bromfield Street.
Pittsburg, Pa.: 524 Penn Avenue.
Detroit, Mich.: 21 Adams Avenue, East.

And of the Cincinnati House:

Chicago, Ill.: 57 Washington Street.
Kansas City, Mo.: 1121 McGee Street.
San Francisco, Cal.: Temporary address, Barker Block, Berkeley.

THE BOOK COMMITTEE

The Book Committee was created by the General Conference of 1804. The Committee is composed of one member from each of the General Conference districts, fourteen in number, into which the Annual Conferences are distributed. Those selected from the odd numbered districts by the General Conference of 1900 were elected for a term of eight years, and those from the even districts for a term of four years. There shall be elected by each General Conference, for a term of eight years, one member for each district, to take the place of the member from the district whose term is then expiring or to fill vacancies, and of three from New York or its vicinity, to be known as the Local Committee in New York, and three from Cincinnati or vicinity, to be known as the Local Committee in Cincinnati. The Book Committee shall, during the interval of the General Conference, have power to fill vacancies occurring in its own body. Such Committee shall have general supervision of the publishing interests of the church, examine carefully into their condition, and make report of the same to the Annual Conferences and to the General Conference.

For the further functions and prerogatives of the Book Committee see the Discipline for 1904, ¶¶ 420–423. The annual meeting of the Book Committee is held on the second Wednesday of February. Each section shall have meetings at such times as it may elect.

Members.—The following constitutes the present membership of the Book Committee:

District	Name	Conference
I.	A. T. Cass	New Hampshire.
II.	C. S. Wing	New York East.
III.	C. C. Wilbor	Central New York.
IV.	A. S. Mowbray	Wilmington.
V.	W. F. Whitlock	North Ohio.
VI.	J. A. Patten	Holston.
VII.	W. H. Logan	Texas.
VIII.	Hanford Crawford	Saint Louis.
IX.	O. P. Miller	Northwest Iowa.
X.	J. F. Harmon	Southern Illinois.
XI.	C. E. Bacon	Indiana.
XII.	J. S. Lean	Wisconsin.
XIII.	H. A. Salzer	Northwest German.
XIV.	R. V. Watt	California.

Local Committee at New York: E. B. Tuttle, J. E. Andrus, J. W. Pearsall; *Local Committee at Cincinnati*: Richard Dymond, J. N. Gamble, R. T. Miller.

Book Editor, elected by the Book Committee; R. J. Cooke, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, and 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

QUADRENNIAL SALES

A statement of the quadrennial sales of the two publishing houses at New York and Cincinnati, since the division of the church in 1844, is given in the following table:

	Eastern Book Concern	Western Book Concern	Total
Quadrennial Report, May, 1848	$ 487,222 04	$ 125,413 65	$ 612,635 69
" " " 1852	653,190 78	200,829 53	854,020 31
" " " 1856	1,000,734 18	877,214 38	1,877,948 56
" " " 1860	1,175,867 29	1,127,851 00	2,303,718 29
" " " 1864	1,507,873 18	1,287,694 36	2,795,567 54
" " " 1868	2,535,199 77	2,399,508 43	4,934,708 20
" " " 1872	2,426,840 42	2,801,677 16	5,228,517 58
" " " 1876	3,215,612 57	2,830,096 67	6,045,709 24
" " " 1880	3,415,016 75	2,675,125 82	6,090,142 57
" " " 1884	3,534,595 75	2,920,891 53	6,455,487 28
" " " 1888	4,017,327 48	3,327,063 03	7,344,390 51
" " " 1892	4,235,203 78	3,951,233 75	8,186,437 53
" " " 1896	3,900,405 33	4,049,691 26	7,950,096 64
" " " 1900	3,714,903 35	4,143,131 08	7,858,034 43
" " " 1904	3,597,692 16	4,650,800 51	8,248,492 67
Total sales since 1844	$39,417,684 88	$37,368,222 16	$76,785,907 04

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OFFICIAL BENEVOLENCES

Render unto God, the things that are God's.—Matt. 22. 21.

OFFICIAL BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

THE new system of reporting the collections for a portion of our official benevolences, which went into effect at the opening of the Fall Conferences in 1907, renders it impossible to present complete comparisons with former years. We can only use the aggregate contributions as a basis of comparison until the new order of things shall have been in vogue for two years. The official benevolences not affected by the consolidation of benevolences, however, are the special gifts for missions, Sunday school collection for missions, the public educational collection, the children's fund, the American Bible Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, both "cash" and "supplies."

Elsewhere in this issue of the YEAR BOOK we present some "studies in membership," notably a table showing the gains therein for the first six years of the twentieth century. The following statistics show the growth of contributions for the "official benevolences" for the same period, 1901–1906 inclusive, and the increases of 1906 over 1900:

OFFICIAL BENEVOLENCES	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	Increase
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
1. MISSIONS: Church	812,005	833,485	914,957	1,080,440	1,078,420	1,079,141	1,122,543	310,538
Sunday School	405,175	411,334	432,531	470,295	484,322	510,773	537,911	132,736
Special Gifts	....	....	....	....	....	109,494	181,057	181,057
Woman's Foreign	363,955	362,746	396,499	436,498	448,162	470,702	544,438	180,483
Woman's Home: Cash	221,346	256,760	282,303	295,235	333,080	318,919	347,639	126,293
Supplies	....	....	....	....	....	109,980	63,268	63,268
2. CHURCH EXTENSION	131,557	126,873	146,026	158,727	146,147	153,684	173,254	41,697
3. SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION:								
Church	22,613	23,212	25,827	26,534	27,081	23,573	24,299	1,686
Sunday School	....	....	....	....	....	6,187	7,580	7,580
4. TRACT SOCIETY	20,887	20,879	21,980	21,959	22,082	22,644	23,880	2,993
5. FREEDMEN'S AID, etc.	125,037	119,705	124,954	127,597	124,519	136,535	172,994	47,957
6. EDUCATION: Public Col.	110,312	121,341	211,758	202,559	163,920	195,887	188,491	78,179
Children's Fund	58,121	65,532	69,520	69,550	69,386	69,757	73,462	15,341
7. AMERICAN BIBLE SOC'Y.	28,802	29,764	30,211	32,155	35,874	36,088	40,074	11,272
	2,299,810	2,371,631	2,656,566	2,921,549	2,932,993	3,243,364	3,500,890	1,201,080

The increase in 1906 over 1900 was $1,201,080.

The per cent of increase in 1906 over 1900 is 52.225.

The average contribution per member in 1900 was $0.785.

The average contribution per member in 1906 was $1.082, or within a slight fraction of thirty cents increase per member.

The contributions of our foreign membership, numbering 259,892, for the official benevolences aggregated $31,084, and those of our domestic membership, numbering 3,093,808, $3,469,806, or an average of $1.12 per member, as against the general average of $1.08. The largest per cent of increase was registered by the Public Collection for Educational purposes, namely, 70.87, the Woman's Home Missionary Society following with 57.057 in cash contributions, not to mention the item of "supplies," with which it is officially credited.

A vast deal of confusion has followed the adoption of the new system of collecting and reporting our Benevolent Collections by the Statistical Secretaries of the Fall Conferences. This has resulted in great delay in forwarding the reports to the Publishing Agents. The report from one large Conference was received on December 5. In order to perfect our statistical tables we were compelled to hold them up pending the report of this delinquent official. Henceforth familiarity with the system will doubtless insure the prompt receipt of the tables.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, organized January 1, 1907, is the successor of what was known from 1819 to 1906 as the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Pursuant to action of the General Conference of 1904, on the consolidation of the Benevolences of the Church, decreeing the separation of the Foreign and the Home Missionary work of the denomination, the Board of Foreign Missions undertook the administration of the affairs of the interest first named. During the eighty-nine years of its existence the receipts of the Missionary Society amounted in the aggregate to $46,485,957.17, and from the beginning to the close of its history not a dollar was diverted from the beneficent purpose for which its funds were contributed by peculation or the dishonesty of the officials whom the Church honored with the administration thereof. Surely this is a glorious record.

TABLE I

Conferences and Missions	Annual Meetings in 1907	
	Place and Date	Bishop
Liberia	Monrovia, January 4	Burt and Scott.
West Central Africa	Angola, February 7	Burt and Hartzell.
East Central Africa	Umtali, March 7	Burt and Hartzell.
Mexico	Pachuca, March 7	Moore.
South America	Rosario de Santa Fe, March 13	Neely.
Andes	Concepcion, February 14	Neely.
North Andes	Lima and Callao, January 25	Neely.
North Germany	Berlin, June 19	Burt.
South Germany	Karlsruhe, June 12	Burt.
Switzerland	Rheineck, May 29	Burt.
Norway	Sarpsborg, July 10	Burt.
Sweden	Stockholm, July 24	Burt.
Denmark	Kallsborg, June 27	Burt.
Finland and Saint Petersburg	Helsingfors, August 1	Burt.
Italy	Rome, May 14	Burt.
Bulgaria	Veyvodovo, May 2	Burt.
Japan	Aoyama, Tokyo, May 15	Cranston and Harris.
South Japan	Nagasaki, April 18	Cranston and Harris.
Korea	Seoul, June 18	Cranston and Harris.
Foochow	Foochow, November 1, 1906	Spellmeyer.
Hinghua	Hinghua, November 8, 1906	Spellmeyer.
Central China	Chingkiang, October 18, 1906	Spellmeyer.
North China	Peking, September 18, 1906	Bashford.
West China	Chenfu, January 23	Spellmeyer.
North India	Bareilly, January 3	F'zGerald and Warne.
Northwest India	Muttra, January 16	F'zGerald and Warne.
South India	Hyderabad, December 11, 1906	F'zGerald and Thob'n.
Central Provinces	Jabalpur, January 23	F'zGerald and Warne.
Bombay	Bombay, December 18, 1906	F'zGerald and R'b'son.
Bengal	Calcutta, January 30	F'zGerald and Thob'n.
Burma	Rangoon, February 9	F'zGerald and R'b'son.
Malaysia	Penang Sts. Settlem'ts, Feb. 20	F'zGerald and Oldh'm.
Philippine Islands	Manila, March 9	Oldham.
France	Geneva Switz., May 22	Burt.

The Missions in Protestant lands are those in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, and Switzerland. The Methodist Episcopal Church assists the Methodist churches that have there been organized, and these report 941 ordained and unordained native preachers, 52,744 members, and 9,562 probationers.

The Missions in Roman Catholic lands are those in South America, Italy, and Mexico. In these countries the Methodist Episcopal Church has 129 foreign missionaries, 318 ordained and unordained native preachers, 10,502 members, and 7,961 probationers.

The Missions in Greek Church lands are in Bulgaria, and a small Mission in Saint Petersburg, Russia. In Bulgaria are 21 ordained and unordained native preachers, 398 members, and 134 probationers. In Saint Petersburg are 20 members and 6 probationers.

The Missions in non-Christian lands are those in Africa, China, Japan, Korea, India, and Malaysia. In these countries the Methodist Episcopal Church has 711 foreign missionaries, 3,022 native preachers, 76,482 members, and 121,777 probationers.

The statistics we present herewith are the official statistics embodied in the General Minutes of the Spring Conferences and the Fall Conferences (the latter as yet unpublished) for 1907.

TABLE II

Missions	When Commenced	Organized as a Conference or Mission	Probationers	Full Members	Baptisms during year
Africa:					
Liberia	1833	1836	1,133	2,863	357
East Central Africa	1892	1901	1,172	350	125
West Central Africa	1892	1902	171	159	65
China:					
Foochow	1847	1877	6,461	6,482	1,028
Central China	1867	1869	1,043	1,022	93
North China	1869	1893	1,850	4,405	698
West China	1881	....	1,800	1,524	355
Hinghua	1864	1896	1,882	3,251	754
Germany	1849				
North Germany	....	1892	4,080	8,413	330
South Germany	....	1892	1,753	9,843	281
Switzerland	1856	1886	984	8,435	221
Sweden	1854	1876	1,666	15,916	143
Norway	1853	1876	447	5,774	361
Denmark	1857	1869	296	3,405	127
Finland and Saint Petersburg	1884	1892	342	978	12
India:					
Central Provinces	....	1905	2,577	1,372	770
North India	1856	1864	21,265	14,873	4,243
Northwest India	1892	1893	33,047	21,047	8,789
South India	1872	1876	2,228	1,204	733
Bengal	1872	1893	1,332	1,358	385
Bombay	1872	1892	13,453	1,562	2,810
Burma	1879	1901	416	530	99
Malaysia	1885	1893	929	1,381	205
Philippine Islands	1899	1905	9,534	20,678	2,557
Bulgaria	1857	1892	134	398	29
Italy	1871	1881	928	2,761	58
Japan	1872	1884	1,822	3,735	610
South Japan	1872	1898	310	1,197	246
Mexico	1873	1885	3,175	2,752	293
Korea	1885	1905	19,570	3,885	3,553
South America	1836	1893	1,864	2,911	497
Andes	1877	1901	1,724	1,933	510
North Andes	....	1905	270	145	18

Board of Managers.—Article III of the Constitution of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church directs that "The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the Bishops of said Church, who shall be ex-officio members of said Board, and thirty-two laymen, and thirty-two traveling ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, according to the requirements of the existing Charter of the Society; vacancies in the Board shall be filled as the Charter provides; and the absence without excuse of any manager from six consecutive meetings of the Board shall be equivalent to a resignation. The Board shall also have authority . . . to elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary; to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers elective by its own body; and shall present a statement of its transactions and funds to the Church in its Annual Report, and also shall lay before the General Conference a report of its transactions for the four preceding years, and the state of its funds."

The regular meetings of the Board are held in the Mission Rooms, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, on the third Tuesday of each month at 3 P. M. The present membership is as follows:

The bishops, ex-officio. *Ministers:* A. K. Sanford, J. M. Buckley, H. A. Buttz, J. F. Goucher, C. S. Harrower, H. A. Monroe, Homer Eaton, C. R. Barnes, E. S. Tipple, S. W. Thomas, S. W. Gehrett, G. P. Mains, F. M. North, A. H. Tuttle, W. V. Kelley, J. L. Hurlbut, W. F. Anderson, C. S. Wing, J. O. Wilson, G. P. Eckman, J. B. Faulks, B. C. Conner, J. W. Marshall, W. I. Haven, D. G. Downey, A. J. Coultas, A. G. Kynett, C. H. Buck, J. E. Adams, Allan MacRossie, Charles Reuss, Wallace MacMullen. *Laymen:* J. S. McLean, G. J. Ferry, G. G. Reynolds, Lemuel Skidmore, E. B. Tuttle, W. H. Falconer, J. M. Cornell, A. H. De Haven, E. L. Dobbins, J. F. Rusling, J. E. Andrus, John Beattie, Summerfield Baldwin, G. C. Batcheller, J. R. Curran, R. B. Kelly, Willis McDonald, G. F. Secor, Charles Gibson. J. H. Welch, Costello Lippitt, G. W. F. Swartzell, J. R. Mott, J. M. Bulwinkle, J. W. Pearsall, John Gribbell, F. A. Horne, J. E. Leaycraft, M. S. Cornell, R. A. Flanders, G. I. Bodine, W. A. Leonard.

General Missionary Committee.—Vast responsibilities rest upon this body. It designates the territory that shall be occupied in foreign lands, the number of workers to be employed therein, and makes the appropriations for the prosecution of the work in both the foreign and domestic fields. It is composed of the bishops, secretaries, treasurers, district members, and fourteen managers elected annually by the Board. The annual meeting is held in November on the day named by the secretaries and treasurers of the Board of Foreign Missions, and at the place designated by the previous Committee. The district members are elected quadrennially by the General Conference. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium are filled by the bishops. The district members are likewise members of the General Committees of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The following constitute the present Committee:

District	Name	Conference
I.	E. P. Stevens,	Troy.
II.	J. R. Wright,	Newark.
III.	T. D. Collins,	Erie.
IV.	J. C. Nicholson,	Baltimore.
V.	J. H. Fitzwater,	Central Ohio.
VI.	M. W. Clair,	Washington.
VII.	E. M. Jones,	Central Alabama.
VIII.	H. J. Coker,	South Kansas.
IX.	G. W. Isham,	Nebraska.
X.	H. G. Jackson,	Rock River.
XI.	D. D. Martin,	Michigan.
XII.	S. W. Trousdale,	West Wisconsin.
XIII.	J. H. Asling,	West German.
XIV.	W. W. Van Orsdel,	Montana.

The annual meeting of the General Committee for 1907 was held in Seattle, Wash., beginning November 9. The following members, fourteen in number, represented this Society: *Ministerial:* S. W. Thomas, J. O. Wilson, Allan MacRossie, J. F. Goucher, B. C. Conner, E. S. Tipple, F. M. North. *Reserves:* A. K. Sanford, A. J. Coultas, D. G. Downey. *Lay:* E. B. Tuttle, J. R. Mott, E. L. Dobbins, J. W. Pearsall, Willis McDonald, Charles Gibson, G. W. F. Swartzell. *Reserves:* John Beattie, J. E. Leaycraft, F. A. Horne.

Officers.—The General officers of the Society and Board for 1908 are as follows: *President,* Bishop C. H. Fowler, *Vice-Presidents,* the

remaining bishops, and G. G. Reynolds, G. J. Ferry, J. S. McLean, J. F. Rusling, J. M. Buckley, D.D., A. K. Sanford, D.D., E. L. Dobbins, Costello Lippitt; *Corresponding Secretary*, A. B. Leonard, D.D.; *First Assistant Corresponding Secretary*, H. K. Carroll, LL.D.; *Assistant Secretaries*, George B. Smyth, D.D.; F. H. Sheets, D.D.; *Treasurer*, Homer Eaton, D.D.; *Assistant Treasurer*, H. C. Jennings, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, S. O. Benton, D.D.; *Assistant Rerording Secretary*, J. F. Dodd, D.D.; *Field Secretary for Young People's Work*, S. Earl Taylor; *Missionary Editor*, C. H. Fahs. Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Treasurer's Report.—We present herewith the Annual Report of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Society to the General Missionary Committee for the year ending October 31, 1907.

RECEIPTS

CONFERENCES	From Nov. 1, 1906, to Oct. 31, 1907	CONFERENCES	From Nov. 1, 1906, to Oct. 31, 1907	CONFERENCES	From Nov. 1, 1906, to Oct. 31, 1907
Alabama	$984 59	Iowa	$11,611 14	Pacific German	$711 90
Alaska Mission	94 23	Italy	410 80	Pac. Japanese Miss.	.....
Andes	78 20	Japan	97 76	Philadelphia	36,983 53
Arizona Mission	1,634 74	Kalispell Mission	179 08	Philippine Islands	.....
Arkansas	712 74	Kansas	9,226 69	Pittsburg	32,262 92
Atlanta	504 18	Kentucky	2,141 39	Porto Rico	.....
Atlantic	158 91	Korea Mission	.....	Puget Sound	6,772 98
Austin	968 22	Lexington	740 36	Rock River	25,099 88
Baltimore	24,706 79	Liberia	155 25	Saint Johns River	727 15
Bengal	.....	Lincoln	98 57	Saint Louis	7,947 40
Black Hills Mission	426 60	Little Rock	464 89	Saint Louis German	4,124 30
Blue Ridge	.....	Louisiana	1,129 05	Savannah	579 61
Bombay	45 42	Maine	3,010 22	South America	395 03
Bulgaria	27 64	Malaysia	79 32	South Carolina	5,026 79
Burma	45 58	Mexico	302 90	South Florida	161 20
California	7,679 97	Michigan	16,787 58	South Germany	747 50
California German	773 31	Minnesota	6,051 00	South India	72 13
Central Alabama	426 58	Mississippi	1,006 44	South Japan	21 88
Central China Miss	117 05	Missouri	5,922 17	South Kansas	7,022 16
Central German	5,251 74	Mobile	426 97	Southern California	18,753 38
Central Illinois	16,374 51	Montana	1,605 80	Southern German	3,055 18
Central Missouri	504 17	Nebraska	11,492 45	Southern Illinois	6,671 98
Central New York	19,742 07	Nevada Mission	914 81	Southwest Kansas	10,347 31
Central Ohio	19,567 31	New England	15,352 89	Sweden	2,617 33
Cent. Pennsylvania	36,910 01	New Eng. Southern	8,722 13	Switzerland	1,277 08
Central Swedish	2,927 09	New Hampshire	3,677 72	Tennessee	403 74
Central Tennessee	503 81	New Jersey	16,914 57	Texas	1,861 05
Chicago German	3,198 71	New Mex. Eng. Miss.	700 00	Troy	21,144 99
Chinese Mission	216 20	New Mexico Spanish	199 50	Upper Iowa	15,729 44
Cincinnati	15,324 80	New York	24,458 46	Upper Mississippi	403 62
Colorado	9,477 62	New York East	25,615 31	Utah Mission	831 21
Columbia River	4,148 77	Newark	24,016 82	Vermont	2,990 83
Dakota	6,180 86	North Andes	20 64	Washington	2,490 87
Delaware	2,434 63	North Carolina	933 32	West Central Africa	76 05
Denmark	429 01	North China	444 59	West China Mission	54 31
Des Moines	19,513 17	North Dakota	3,075 39	West German	4,334 61
Detroit	17,692 95	North Germany	600 59	West Nebraska	3,436 04
East Central Africa	.....	North India	167 28	West Texas	1,873 47
East German	3,723 29	North Indiana	19,284 97	West Virginia	10,841 25
East Maine	1,792 12	North Montana Miss.	548 20	West Wisconsin	4,134 14
East Ohio	31,660 56	North Nebraska	4,500 23	Western Nor.-Danish	318 56
East Oklahoma	522 16	North Ohio	10,864 92	Western Swedish	1,593 95
East Tennessee	148 75	Northern German	1,710 28	Wilmington	14,932 88
Eastern Swedish	1,941 74	Northern Minnesota	4,578 79	Wisconsin	8,527 37
Erie	16,358 70	Northern New York	12,545 14	Wyoming	17,677 01
Finl'd & St. Petersb'g	319 88	Northern Swedish	1,461 66	Wyoming Mission	1,060 63
Florida	548 94	Northwest German	2,562 19		
Foochow	115 08	Northwest India	84 02	Total from Conf's	$950,415 17
Genesee	19,823 76	Northwest Indiana	11,900 17		
Georgia	303 75	Northwest Iowa	13,815 44		
Gulf	1,450 47	Northwest Kansas	5,467 34	Conference Collect'ns	$950,415 17
Hawaii	159 85	Northwest Nebraska	685 48	Approp'ns return'd	396 25
Hinghua	92 71	Norway	447 79	Lapsed Annuities	21,480 81
Holston	3,151 86	Norwegian & Danish	2,548 11	Legacies	57,762 54
Idaho	1,019 60	Ohio	17,863 81	Miscellaneous	2,401 63
Illinois	24,965 21	Oklahoma	4,459 37		
Indiana	18,384 63	Oregon	4,850 73	Total	$1,032,456 40

NOTE.—The showing of lapsed annuity funds and legacies represents one half of the receipts from such sources, one half of the same having been paid over to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as per order of the Commission on Consolidation of Benevolences.

Statement

Showing total receipts from Conference Collections by both the Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and how divided.

Total Collections received at New York		$1,438,164 77
Total Collections received at Philadelphia (estimated), including those for Church Extension		337,312 69
		$1,775,477 46
Less guarantee for Church Extension		144,289 33
Total for Missions	$1,631,188 13	$1,631,188 13
Deduct receipts at New York, November and December, 1906	29,369 40	
Balance to be divided	$1,601,818 73	
For Foreign Missions, 57 1-2 per cent	$921,045 77	
For Home Missions, 42 1-2 per cent	680,772 96	
	$1,601,818 73	
For Home and Foreign Missions, November and December, 1906	29,369 40	
Total (from collections) for Foreign and Home Missions, 1907		$1,631,188 13

Note.—Total receipts from collections for combined Foreign and Home Missions for the year ending October 31, 1906 $1,615,494 64

Disbursements

Andes	$30,029 06	Philippine Islands	$26,145 85
Bengal	20,730 37	South America	54,180 13
Bombay	28,757 46	South Germany	18,886 43
Bulgaria	10,574 29	South India	25,806 26
Burma	9,833 57	South Japan	24,138 42
Central China	40,804 18	Sweden	16,559 30
Central Provinces	16,851 33	Switzerland	10,648 44
China, F. Ohlinger Union Publishing House, Shanghai	455 31	West Central Africa	18,186 17
	3,566 70	West China	19,454 74
Denmark	7,979 99		
East Central Africa	18,498 50	Foreign Missions	$906,619 03
Finland and Saint Petersburg	10,352 12	Domestic Missions (November and December, 1906)	41,540 16
Foochow	33,724 43	Support of Missionary Bishops	26,300 00
Germany and Switzerland	1,000 98	Incidental Needs of Missions (not including $23,221 86, charged in Mission accounts)	9,568 20
Hinghua	13,488 58		
Italy	57,541 74	Allowances for Retired Missionaries, Widows and Orphans	18,225 50
Japan	48,223 87		
Korea	32,779 76	Publication Fund	51,415 29
Liberia	17,231 00	Young People's Work	10,082 85
Malaysia	24,952 80	Salaries of Field Secretaries (including Open Door Emergency Expenses, $23,427 18)	31,869 27
Mexico	68,010 72		
North Andes	16,392 81	Salaries of Office Secretaries	15,500 00
North China	51,738 23	Office and General Committee Expenses	19,522 51
North Germany	19,717 33	Miscellaneous Expenses	5,185 49
North India	63,847 97		
Northwest India	34,432 18	Total Disbursements	$1,135,828 30
Norway	13,107 71		

Combined Statement of Regular Receipts and Disbursements and Special Gifts

Regular Receipts and Disbursements

Disbursements from November 1, 1906, to October 31, 1907	$1,135,828 30
Receipts from November 1, 1906, to October 31, 1907	1,032,456 40
Disbursements in excess of Receipts	$103,371 90
Balance in Treasury, November 1, 1906	18,657 29
Balance, Treasury in Debt, November 1, 1907	$84,714 61

Special Gifts

Balance on hand, November 1, 1906	$86,884 36
Receipts during the year	331,019 99
	$417,904 35
Disbursements during the year	368,895 35
Balance on hand, November 1, 1907	$49,009 00

Combined Receipts

Regular Receipts from November 1, 1906, to October 31, 1907	$1,032,456 40
Special Gifts received from November 1, 1906, to October 31, 1907	331,019 99
	$1,363,476 39

Combined Disbursements

Regular Disbursements	$1,135,828 30
Special Gifts Forwarded	368,895 35
	$1,504,723 65

Analysis of Disbursements (in Part)

Emergencies in the Missions

Outgoing and Homecoming Expenses of Missionaries and their families	$32,255 57
Sundry special allowances to missionaries and their families	1,540 53
Sundry special allowances for repairs on property ($2,435 58); for paving street in Buenos Ayres ($1,085); for health trips for missionaries ($612 10); for relief of native preachers in Bengal ($350); for tent for Valparaiso ($563 22); and for sundry other emergencies ($139)	5,184 90
Sundry special allowances (in November and December, 1906,) for the relief of Home missionaries ($920), and for outgoing expenses to Hawaii and Porto Rico ($194)	1,114 00
	$40,095 00

Incidental Needs of the Missions

Outgoing and Homecoming Expenses of missionaries and their families	$4,857 89
Salaries and allowances for missionaries and their families	7,584 47
Episcopal Visitation of foreign conferences	7,80 59
Sundry special allowances to missions: Italy, for support of work taken over from the Italian Evangelical Church ($3,000); South America, for North American Academy, Montevideo ($1,000); Panama ($500) and Bombay ($500)	$5,000 00
Sundry other allowances: Furniture, school books, etc. ($2,524 52); property, repairs, legal expenses, etc. ($2,106 08), and Annual Meeting, moving, medical and other expenses ($1,148 90)	5,779 50
Examination of Candidates	1,469 34
Cablegrams	717 52
	$32,790 06

Miscellaneous Expenses

Conference Visitation by secretaries and other representatives of the Society	$1,723 75
Sundry other expenditures: Collection of checks, exchange, etc. ($457 55); postage ($621 52); printing ($640 01); filing cabinet ($95); rent for C. C. McCown ($105); payments account of L. W. Haughey property ($622), and other items ($920 66)	3,461 74
	$5,185 49

Appropriations for 1908.—The following are the appropriations ordered by the General Missionary Committee in November, 1907, for the year 1908:

I. Appropriations to the Missions to be Directly Administered by the Board

(1.) Support of Missionary Bishops	$26,300
(2.) Emergencies in the Missions (no appropriation)	
(3.) Incidental Needs of the Missions	25,000
(4.) Allowances for retired Missionaries, widows and orphans	18,000
Total	$69,300

II. Appropriations for the Mission Fields

Note.—All appropriations are to be distributed by the Finance Committees of the respective Missions, with the concurrence of the presiding bishops and the approval of the Board of Managers. In the distribution of appropriations if, in the judgment of the Finance Committees of the respective Missions, the bishops in charge, and the Board of Managers, any part thereof can be applied to property, it may be done.

DIVISION 1.—Eastern Asia

1. China:	
(1.) Foochow	$28,325
(2.) Hinghua Mission Conference	12,500
(3.) Central China Mission	40,635
(4.) North China Conference	53,300
(5.) West China Mission	18,340
One-half salary and rent for Publishing Agent at Shanghai	1,500
Salary and rent for Editor	2,250
Interest on loan to Publishing House	1,000
Total for China	$157,550
2. Japan:	
(1.) For Japan, to be divided by the Board between the Eastern and Western Conferences	$62,500
3. Korea:	
Korea Mission Conference	28,465
Total for Eastern Asia	$248,515

DIVISION 2.—Southern Asia

1. India:	
(1.) North India Conference	$62,200
(2.) Northwest India Conference	31,500
(3.) South India Conference	23,850
(4.) Central Provinces Mission Conference	17,006
(5.) Bombay Conference	22,650
(6.) Bengal Conference	16,900
(7.) Burma Mission Conference	9,900
Total for India	$183,806
2. Malaysia:	
(1.) Malaysia Conference	$21,380
(2.) Philippine Islands Mission Conference	25,650
Total for Malaysia	$47,030
Total for Southern Asia	$230,836

DIVISION 3.—Africa

(1.) Liberia Conference, of which at least $5,000 shall be used for work among native tribes	$15,061
(2.) East Central Africa Mission Conference	16,230
(3.) West Central Africa Mission Conference	14,351
Total for Africa	$45,642

DIVISION 4.—South America and Mexico

1. South America:	
(1.) South America Conference	$52,592
(2.) Andes Conference: Chile	23,175
Bolivia	4,000
Church Building in Valparaiso	3,000
Total for Andes Conference	$30,175
(3.) North Andes Mission: Peru and Ecuador Districts	$12,300
Panama	2,000
Interest on loan for Panama Building	500
	$14,800
Total for South America	$97,567

2. Mexico Conference		$58,900
Total for South America and Mexico		$156,467

DIVISION 5.—Europe

1. Germany:		
(1.) North Germany Conference: For the work	$15,000	
For interest on Berlin debt	480	
For interest on Chemnitz debt	500	
For debts—grant in aid	900	
For extension of the work in Hungary	1,100	
For United Brethren	900	
	$18,880	
(2.) South Germany: For the work	$19,321	
For debts—grant in aid	400	
	$19,721	
(3.) For Martin Mission Institute	1,000	
Total for Germany		$39,601
2. Switzerland: For the work	$7,000	
For interest on Lausanne debt	40	
For debts—grant in aid	525	
Total for Switzerland		$7,565
3. Norway: For the work	$11,675	
For school at Christiania, or elsewhere (at disposal of resident bishop)	500	
For interest on loan to Fifth Church, Christiania	200	
For debts—grant in aid	250	
	$12,625	
4. Sweden Conference: For the work	$14,470	
For the school at Upsala (at disposal of the resident bishop)	1,500	
	$15,970	
5. Denmark Mission Conference:		
For the work	$6,730	
For debt on Copenhagen Church (at disposal of the Board)	655	
For debts—grant in aid	600	
	$7,985	
6. Finland and Saint Petersburg Mission Conference: For the work	$6,498	
For Theological School (at disposal of resident bishop)	750	
For work in Russia	1,800	
	$9,048	
7. Bulgaria Mission Conference: For the work (to be administered by the resident bishop)	$9,50	
8. Italy:		
For all purposes, including interest on debt in Rome and one-half the interest on debt in Lausanne	$48,152	
For Boys' College and Theological School	2,000	
	$50,152	
Total for Europe		$152,446

III. Expenses of Collection

(1.) Publication Fund	$47,000
(2.) Young Peoples' Work	9,000
(3.) Salaries of Field Secretaries	29,750
Total	$85,750

IV. Expenses of Administration

(1.) Salaries of Office Secretaries	$15,500
(2.) Office and General Committee Expenses	18,000
Total	$33,500

V. Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous, including interest on debt	$10,000

RECAPITULATION

1. Appropriations to Missions (to be directly administered by the Board)		$69,300
2. Appropriations to the Mission Fields:		
China	$157,550	
Japan	62,500	
Korea	28,465	
India	183,806	
Malaysia	47,030	
Africa	45,642	
South America	97,567	
Mexico	58,900	
Europe	152,446	
		$833,906
3. Expenses of Collection		85,750
4. Expenses of Administration		33,500
5. Miscellaneous		10,000
Grand total		$1,032,456

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSSONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Board.—The following constitute the membership of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for 1908:

The bishops, ex-officio. *Ministerial:* S. W. Thomas, J. M. Hinson, S. M. Vernon, G. B. Wight, J. F. Crouch, C. W. Bickley, William Downey, S. W. Gehrett, Edmund Hewitt, W. L. McDowell, J. W. Sayers, H. A. Monroe, F. B. Lynch, J. S. Hughes, J. R. T. Gray, C. M. Boswell, A. G. Kynett, W. L. S. Murray, J. G. Bickerton, J. G. Wilson, S. G. Grove, Amos Johnson, Robert Forbes, S. H. Hoover, W. H. Shaffer, F. P. Parkin, Robert Watt, J. D. Fox, E. M. Stevens, J. C. Nicholson, R. H. Gilbert. *Lay:* James Long, L. C. Simon, J. E. James, Thomas Bradley, T. L. DeBow, Francis Magee, S. K. Felton, J. F. Fox, C. W. Higgins, T. A. Redding, W. H. Senderling, Amos Wakelin, S. T. Fox, Jefferson Justice, Samuel Shaw, F. W. Tunnell, I. G. Heilman, W. H. Heisler, J. T. Taylor, F. J. Shoyer, C. H. Harding,

J. A. Wallace, C. D. Foss, Jr., W. S. Pilling, Edward Perry, T. F. Miller, W. H. G. Gould, S. J. Seneca, J. D. Slayback, Thomas Jones, F. A. Dingee, W. H. Berry.

Officers.—The officers of the Board for the year 1907:

President, Bishop C. D. Foss; *Vice-Presidents*, J. F. Crouch, J. G. Bickerton, S. W. Thomas, J. E. James, C. W. Higgins; *Honorary Vice-President*, James Long; *Corresponding Secretary*, Robert Forbes; *First Assistant Corresponding Secretary*, Ward Platt; *Additional Assistant Corresponding Secretaries*, T. C. Iliff, C. M. Boswell; *Treasurer*, Samuel Shaw; *Recording Secretary*, A. G. Kynett.

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An outline of the origin of the Church Extension movement in the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the results secured by the Board of Church Extension is as follows:

On January 3, 1865, its first Board of Managers was appointed by a committee of the General Conference. On May 13, 1865, it was incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania as "The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The chapter in the Discipline on Church Extension, practically as it is now framed, was adopted by the General Conference of 1872. On February 26, 1873, the charter of the Society was so amended by the Legislature of Pennsylvania that the name became "The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

On May 25, 1906, the charter was again amended and the name became "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension."

The Commission appointed by the last General Conference fixed January 1, 1907, as the time when the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will perform all the work covered by its name and charter.

The Funds of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.—This Board, in compliance with its charter and by-laws and the law of the Church pertaining to its stewardship concerning the various funds committed to its keeping and admisistration, reported to the General Committee of Church Extension the condition of the funds properly and legally classified, as follows:

General Fund.—The General Fund shall consist of all moneys or other property of the Board other than contributions to and interest on the Loan Fund, and amounts contributed subject to annuity, with interest received on the same.

Loan Fund.—The Loan Fund shall consist of all moneys or other property, not subject to annuity, specially donated or bequeathed to said Fund, and of the net residue at the termination of annuities payable on the same, of any sums contributed subject to annuity, and also of the net balance of interest accruing upon its capital, after charging thereto annually an equitable proportion of the current expenses of the administration of the business of the Board. All moneys or other property that have been or may be contributed to the Loan Fund, except as may be subject to annuity, shall be held as a sacred trust, to be used only for making loans to churches, under such regulations as the Board may adopt.

Annuity Fund.—The Annuity Fund shall consist of all moneys or other property contributed to and accepted by the Board, subject to the payment of annuity, and of all sums received for interest on the same. It shall be charged with all sums that shall be disbursed for the payment of annuities and with any loss or depreciation in value or on disposal of property in said Fund, and also with an equitable proportion to be determined annually of the current expenses of the administration of the business of the Board. The net residue of all moneys or other property hereafter contributed and accepted subject to annuity, but not otherwise directed by the contributor, shall at the termination and final adjustment of said annuity, be credited to and merged in the Loan Fund.

California Fund.—We have received since making the appeal on the California Fund $93,660, which amount, added to the $25,000 appropriated by the Board immediately after the catastrophe, makes a total of $118,660. There have been paid out $83,698, leaving a balance of $34,961.

We call for $150,000 for California during the coming year. We must not cease our efforts to secure a sufficient amount of money to rehabilitate our cause on the Pacific Coast. We are working in perfect harmony with the Rehabilitation Committee, and commend the members of that Committee for their devotion, courage and loyalty to the Church and their fidelity to the Board.

Memorial and Frontier Churches.—The Board has been enabled to aid in the building of about 850 memorial and frontier churches, with special gifts of $250 each, valued at least at $1,250 each, exclusive of the ground. We most earnestly ask the coöperation of the members of the General Committee and our people everywhere, so that during the coming fiscal year the total number of such churches may be increased to 1,000.

The city is the storm center, but while we are caring for the great cities North and South, we must not forget the rapidly developing regions in the *country* in every part of the land. The East, too, in many places requires substantial aid. There are regions in the State of *Pennsylvania* that are most inviting missionary fields. We ask the General Committee to devise liberal things, make generous appropriations and trust the Church to respond.

There is need of Missionary and Church Extension appropriations in every State and Territory in the Nation. The few places mentioned are not named in order to give emphasis to their particular claims, but as suggestive of the general situation throughout the entire country. We are firmly of the opinion that the General Committee may presume largely on the benevolent and generous spirit of the Church, that when the work is more thoroughly understood by our people the contributions will be sufficient to enable the Board to respond quite fully to every legitimate call.

We beg leave to suggest that while we must have money we need more than money. If we had millions lying in our treasury, those millions alone would be powerless in the work of the evangelization of the country. Money is useful to erect buildings in which religious services may be held and charitable work carried on; it is useful to support men and women who labor in the interests of the Kingdom;

but we must have the men and the women. The greatest need of the Church today is more of the spirit of Him who died for us all. He came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." We need men and women of like spirit —consecrated, devoted, earnest people who have a vision, who can see invisible things, who realize that "life's true projection is on the horizon of eternity." We need Christian workers everywhere who gather their inspiration at Calvary's cross and their strength direct from the God of our fathers. We need young men and young women of cultivated brains, pure hearts, brave spirits, with abundance of common sense.

We must remember, that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension exists to give emphasis to the cry, "America for Christ." May there come upon us the spirit of the brave men and women who, without many of the appliances of power that are ours, laid the foundations of our great Church, and the noble men and women who followed them and built up Methodism from shore to shore, in city, town and village and the quiet country place, until today the different branches of Methodism united, constitute the largest Protestant body on the continent of America. We have wealth, culture, social position, numbers, property and a *large measure* of the spirit of New Testament Christianity. We are here to win. We do not consider for a moment the possibility of failure. Jesus Christ did not come into the world on any doubtful experiment, and God has been with us through all the years since the day when Philip Embury began to preach in New York, and He will not desert us now. May the Divine power come down upon every heart and every home, upon every individual and every congregation, upon all our ministers and all our people, and when we are thus filled with the spirit of our Lord, the financial problem will be speedily solved.

Appeal of the General Committee of 1907 for 1907 and 1908.—$1,250,000.00 for Home Missions and Church Extension. "America for Christ." To entrench christianity and patriotism.

On the first day of January, 1907, the Methodist Episcopal Church, through the newly-organized Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, proclaimed the noblest war cry heard for America since Asbury waked the silences of the wilderness with the "Witness of the Spirit" and "Holiness to the Lord." It sounded the splendid slogan, "America for Christ!"

The heart of the Church has been greatly stirred. The small but substantial advance made in offerings, vastly creditable considering the confusion natural to a new order, is a promise of greater gains when the plans and purposes of the Board are fully understood. We now appeal to our poeple for an offering by collections alone of $1,250,000, of which $150,000 shall be *special gifts* for the rehabilitation of the wrecked and ruined churches of California.

The morning of the twentieth century is alive with portents of Providence, seemingly preluding some swift and sure advance of the Divine purpose for the world's redemption. Not only in pagan countries have all doors swung wide open and old walls fallen down, but America itself has suddenly become the greatest of mission fields. Our country is now the center of the world's political, social, commercial and religious life.

Every year is bringing us by immigration nearly a million and a

half of people—not as formerly from the great races of northern and western Europe, easily assimilated to our National life, but new and strange peoples from the west and south of Europe and from Asia, alien to us in habits, tradition, religion and social ideals. In our streets meet not only the Teuton and the Celt, but the Latin and the Slav, with Finn, Magyar, Greek, Syrian, African and Mongolian. Our peril is only surpassed by the splendor of our opportunity. God has given the nations to America that America may give the Gospel to the nations. Here is being repeated the confusion of Babel with its polyglot of tongues that by God's grace we may repeat the miracle of Pentecost.

We must save these incoming millions or they will destroy us. Into our hands God has placed this key for the evangelization of the whole world. Through the races gathered here lies the nearest road to the redemption of all kindreds and peoples.

The modern American city is a supreme challenge to Christian service. In fifty years, while our rural population has doubled, our urban population has increased tenfold. Soon the majority of our people will be in the cities. The great city is the storm center of all social problems, the real frontier of our civilization. In its streets the glory of all the hoarded gains of time and the wildest savagery meet. Yet it was in such cities that Christianity won its first conquests. The twentieth century can and must repeat the triumph of the first. The power of our faith, which has penetrated the forests, sailed the seas, crossed continents and coursed the trackless deserts, must force its way into the cellars and garrets of our city tenements. The grace that has subdued the savagery of nations can master the more brutal barbarism of the narrow streets.

Immigration and the urban movement of population have greatly intensified the needs of rural districts. New England is being filled with an alien population. The Middle West is pouring its English-speaking folk into the great Southwest and out to the Pacific Slope at a rate even exceeding the incoming mass of immigrants from foreign soil. These members of our own household, these pilgrims of our own race and faith, must be followed with fostering care, and the depleted churches they leave behind must be strengthened to meet new and adverse conditions.

Above all other Churches, God has set Methodism for the salvation of the American Negro. Never was the problem of race in America more acute than now. Nothing but the realization of Christian fellowship through brotherhood in Jesus Christ can solve its difficulty. Whatever our social theories, every soul that has learned the mind of the Master, knows that power is not privilege, but debt. We must not withdraw, we must increase our efforts and our gifts for the redemption of the Afro-American.

The Church must not, in the enlarged function of this Board, forget the work of Church Extension. For many communities the visible sanctuary is the sign of redemption. There is a logical relation between person and place—we must not only provide the message of the prophet of God, but we must erect the House of God in every community.

The supreme mission of the American Church is to save America, that through America we may save the world. Only from a saved base line in Christian lands can we effectively wage a holy warfare for the conquest of the world. "America for Christ" means the sal-

vation of society from selfishness, of business from baseness, and politics from pollution. It means a social evangel in which labor alienated from the organized Church shall again find true brotherhood at the altars of God. It means civic righteousness and the triumph of every moral reform.

We recommend that the Sunday preceding the day of National Thanksgiving be observed in all our churches as a National Sunday on which by *prayer*, *praise* and *offerings*, there shall be inspired and expressed both piety and patriotism.

"America for Christ!" It is the watchword of a holy war, the proclamation of a new crusade. Let American Methodists enlist and fall in line for cross and flag, for Christ and country, for God and native land; *serve*, *sacrifice* and *give*, until we have won "America for Christ"!

Of the amount of money received by the Missionary Society hitherto nearly one half has been appropriated to Home Mission work. Hereafter the amount required for Home Missions and Church Extension must be raised in the collections for The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, but the annual amount must be increased if the work is to be extended.

This Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is the only organization through which the Methodist Episcopal Church holds itself in readiness to meet all great emergencies as the result of earthquake and fire and flood, and other causes. A few years since, the Church, through Home Missions and Church Extension, came to the rescue of Charleston, S. C., stricken by earthquake; Galveston, Texas, desolated by flood; Jacksonville, Florida, by fire; and recently the unparalleled disaster to the people, largely including our own Methodist family, in San Francisco and neighboring places, has presented and continues to present the most urgent call for help to relieve pressing and perpetuated needs and distress, not only to re-erect their places of worship but to aid the people themselves, whose homes and fortunes have been destroyed.

The General Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension:—Bishops Thomas Bowman, Edward G. Andrews, Henry W. Warren, Cyrus D. Foss, John M. Walden, Willard F. Mallalieu, Charles H. Fowler, John H. Vincent, Daniel A. Goodsell, Earl Cranston, David H. Moore, John W. Hamilton, Joseph F. Berry, Henry Spellmeyer, William F. McDowell, James W. Bashford, William Burt, Luther B. Wilson, Thomas B. Neely. *Officers of the Board:*—Robert Forbes, Ward Platt, Thomas C. Iliff, Charles M. Boswell, Samuel Shaw, Alpha G. Kynett. *Representatives from the General Conference Districts:*—E. P. Stevens, J. R. Wright, T. D. Collins, J. C. Nicholson, J. H. Fitzwater, M. W. Clair, E. M. Jones, H. J. Coker, G. W. Isham, H. G. Jackson, D. D. Martin, S. W. Trousdale, J. H. Asling, W. W. VanOrsdel. *Representatives from the Board:*—J. W. Sayers, S. W. Gehrett, F. B. Lynch, J. G. Wilson, J. G. Bickerton, W. H. Shaffer, J. F. Crouch, Thomas Bradley, J. E. James, Francis Magee, I. G. Heilman, William Downey, Amos Johnson, W. H. G. Gould.

The Board meets on the second Wednesday in each month in the city of Philadelphia. The General Committee meets in November in a place and at a time fixed by the Corresponding Secretary. Special attention is called to the Annuity Fund. The Board is anxious to increase the Loan Fund until it will reach one million dollars. The

General Committee alone makes apportionments and appropriations for Home Missions. The Annual Conference administers Home missionary appropriations. The General Committee fixes the amount asked and authorized for Church Extension in each Conference. The Board alone makes the specific grants for donations within the limits fixed by the General Committee. Donations can be made to Conferences only in proportion as they raise the amount asked. It should be remembered that a donation of $250 secures the building of a frontier or memorial church worth $1,250, above the value of the ground, the donor having the right to name the church. The Board alone has authority to make loans. The Board is authorized to aid in the building of parsonages by either donation or loan or both. Prompt payment of principal and interest of loans is necessary to the safety and success of the organization. Church Extension loans should be paid as promptly as a loan secured from a bank. The Christian Republic, the organ of the Board, has now reached a circulation of nearly 400,000. The affairs of the Board will be administered with the strictest economy compatible with the success of the work. Write to the office for particulars concerning any matter of interest.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREEDMEN'S AID AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By action of the last General Conference the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Sunday School Union, and the Tract Society have been consolidated into one organization with three distinct departments. It is now known as The Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday schools.

Under the new system each secretary remains in charge of his department. The same clerical force is employed, The three great causes still press their needs upon the Church since all these interests must be cared for. They deserve the same favorable representation and the same generous spirit of coöperation.

Department of Education

The General Conference of 1864, in view of the approach of the centennial of American Methodism in 1866, appointed a committee, consisting of the bishops, twelve ministers, and twelve laymen, to prepare for the celebration of that event and to provide for the disposition of the funds that should be raised in connection therewith. This committee recommended the organization of the Board of Education, and in pursuance thereof the Board was instituted by the General Conference of 1868. The Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, April 14, 1869, and has been engaged in the work of assisting students since the year 1873. The object of the Board, as stated broadly in the Discipline, is the "promotion of the educational work of the church." Specifically the funds of the Board are used "for the aid of students and institutions" for the purpose of "securing a well-equipped force of men and women for the ministerial, missionary, evangelistic, and educational work of the church." The Board is dependent for its income upon annual contributions for the cause of education, upon the Sunday school "Children's Fund" collected on

Children's Day, and, in addition to these, it has authority to receive and administer bequests, legacies, annuities, and special gifts. It likewise receives the repayment of loans made to its beneficiaries and the interest on funds invested. The aid granted by the Board is in the form of loans only.

Results Achieved.—The following is a summary of the work of the Board from the date of its organization to the present time: Students aided the last school year, 1,969; of this number 1,140 had been formerly aided. The classification of the beneficiaries for the last school year is: Men, 1,556; Women, 413. The Board has loaned to students since it began, in 1873, $1,671,460.93. Number of students aided, 15,677. From New England States, 1,791; Middle States, 3,860; Western States, 6,078; Southern States, 3,137; Foreign Countries, 811. Of the total number aided 8,247 are in the ministry; 1,036 are missionaries; 291 are ministers and missionaries; 3,515 are teaching; 2,588 are in other callings. Over 1,900 students representing 24 nationalities are aided annually. The average annual loan is $57. Number of institutions reported and unreported about 225.

Finances.—The following is the financial statement of the Society for the year ending November 30, 1907: Total receipts for the year were $149,466.43, of which $79,964.68 was Children's Day collections, which show an actual increase of $4,226.32, and $50,889.02 receipts from returned loans, being an increase in this latter item.

Publications.—The Board publishes the Christian Student, a quarterly containing full information concerning all of the educational institutions of the church at home and abroad, concerning the work of the Board of Education, and generally concerning all of the educational interest of the church, together with various tracts devoted to the promotion of these interests.

Funds Needed.—In addition to the funds needed for student aid the Board desires a fund which can be used to aid needy and worthy institutions. Such a fund would be of the greatest benefit to the cause of Christian education. The Board asks for one million dollars for such purpose. Gifts are solicited for it. Persons desiring to give money on the annuity plan are invited to communicate with the corresponding secretary.

Loans.—The wisdom of the Board in deciding to grant aid only in the form of loans is being constantly attested. For the information of future applicants for aid we insert the following paragraph:

"The boards and institutions which aid students by direct gifts are coming to the policy of granting loans as the wisest method of assisting students. There is an increasing disposition, also, to require a student to prove himself worthy, and to establish a standard for scholarship and character in the institution, before being recommended for either loan or gift; and the wisdom of granting loans only to the more advanced students, in order to aid them to complete their courses of study, becomes more manifest each year."

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education is William F. Anderson, D.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Members and Officers.—The membership of the Board as at present constituted is as follows:

Members whose terms expire in 1916: J. W. Lindsay, D.D., G. H. Bridgman, D.D., H. C. M. Ingraham, J. Edgar Leaycraft; terms to

expire in 1912: Bishop E. G. Andrews, E. S. Tipple, D.D., R. F. Raymond, Durbin Horne; terms to expire in 1908: Bishop C. H. Fowler, W. F. King, D.D., A. W. Harris, LL.D., John D. Slayback. Officers of the Board: *President*, Bishop E. G. Andrews; *Recording Secretary*, E. S. Tipple, D.D.; *Treasurer*, J. Edgar Leaycraft; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. William F. Anderson, D.D. The office of the Board is at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

Student Aid in the Methodist Episcopal Church

Work Accomplished.—This work began in the year 1873, since which time 15,677 students have been helped to prepare for a life of usefulness. The Board assisted during the year closing November 30, 1907, 1,969 students. Nor is this assistance confined to those who are candidates for the ministry or for missionary work. Any worthy young Methodist preparing for a useful career is eligible.

The Method of Helping.—Some educational societies furnish this assistance in outright gifts. Without any criticism of this method, our policy has always been that the best kind of help is encouragement to self-help and that it has a more wholesome effect upon the young people to grant them a loan, the effort being simply to supplement their own resources. The maximum amount to a preparatory student is $50 per year; to a student in college, or an advanced seminary, $100 per year, the total amount loaned to ony one student being $500. It is required of beneficiaries that they pay back at least five dollars per year from the date of their final graduation. If they return the entire amount borrowed within five years no charge is made for interest.

Appreciation Among Borrowers.—A recent beneficiary writes: "I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Methodist Episcopal Church. It took me out of a shoe factory and landed me in a State University as an instructor." These beneficiaries paid back into the treasury of the Society, last year, $50,889.02; and during the entire history of the Society, have returned to the treasury $386,815.13.

Importance of the Work.—It will be seen that this work is not simply related in a general way to the progress of the Church but to the more fundamental question of the supply of workers. Multitudes of young people all over this country will be helped to a life of usefulness by the gifts of the people on Children's Day. It is hoped that hundreds of the young people who assist in the rendition of the Children's Day program may be encouraged by these facts to take a college course and fit themselves for the largest service to the cause of human progress.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE statistics given in the following pages devoted to the Board of Education are brought down to the close of the school year, June 30, 1907, and are taken from the last annual statistical report issued by the Board in November, 1907. If later statistical information in this particular is desired application must be made for it to the Board. The list of presidents and chancellors is revised up to the time of going to press.

Official List of Colleges and Universities

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER	Value of Grounds and Buildings	Total Endowment	Productive Endowment	Amount of Debts	No. Professors and Teachers	Students Last Year
Albion College[1]	Albion, Mich.	Hon. Samuel Dickie, LL.D., President	$250,000	$280,000	$280,000	$.....	25	450
Allegheny College	Meadville, Pa.	Rev. Wm. H. Crawford, D.D., LL.D., President	500,000	560,000	535,000	.....	22	382
Baker University[2]	Baldwin, Kan.	Rev. L. H. Murlin, S.T.D., President	317,000	78,000	78,000	21,000	35	999
Baldwin University[3]	Berea, O.	Rev. Geo. Blake Rogers, B.D., Ph.D., President	245,000	200,000	105,000	12,000	31	649
Beaver College[4]	Beaver, Pa.	Rev. George D. Crissman, Ph.D., President	94,870	42,700	40,000	72,571	15	217
Boston University[5]	Boston, Mass.	Rev. Wm. E. Huntington, D.D., LL.D., President	840,000	1,971,586	1,011,086	.....	158	1,428
Central Wesleyan College[6]	Warrenton, Mo.	Rev. Geo. B. Addicks, A.M., D.D., President	140,000	100,000	98,000	5,000	18	320
Charles City College[7]	Charles City, Ia.	Rev. Frank E. Hirsch, A.M., D.D., President	60,000	55,000	55,000	12,000	15	229
Claflin University	Orangeburg, S. C.	Rev. L. M. Dunton, D.D., President	300,000	20,000	20,000	.....	42	548
Clark University	Atlanta, Ga.	Wm. H. Crogman, A.M., Litt.D., President	500,000	11,000	11,000	.....	10	491
Cornell College[8]	Mount Vernon, Ia.	Rev. Wm. F. King, A.M., D.D., LL.D., President	276,500	596,154	316,008	.....	40	772
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell, S. D.	Rev. Thos. Nicholson, D.D., LL.D., President	198,500	80,700	13,700	10,000	27	646
De Pauw University[9]	Greencastle, Ind.	Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, D.D., S.T.D., President	400,000	521,593	472,852	10,500	40	924
Dickinson College[10]	Carlisle, Pa.	Rev. Geo. Edward Reed, S.T.D., LL.D., President	440,618	357,022	357,022	.....	34	526
Epworth University[11]	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Rev. Geo. H. Bradford, D.D., Chancellor	400,000	80,000	70,000	12,000	60	409
Fort Worth University[12]	Fort Worth, Tex.	Rev. Wm. Fielder, D.D., President	150,000	.....	.....	3,000	53	819
German Wallace College[13]	Berea, O.	Rev. C. Riemenschneider, D.D., LL.D., President	133,450	162,610	143,530	.....	23	279
Hamline University[14]	Hamline, St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. Geo. H. Bridgman, D.D., LL.D., President	208,000	466,000	421,000	.....	65	505
Hedding College*[15]	Abingdon, Ill.	Rev. H. B. Gough, A.M., President	75,000	60,000	40,000	.....	24	248
Illinois Wesleyan University[16]	Bloomington, Ill.	Rev. Frank G. Barnes, A.M., D.D., President	132,500	118,191	102,000	50,999	46	970
Iowa Wesleyan University[17]	Mount Pleasant, Ia.	Rev. John W. Hancher, S.T.D., LL.D. President	166,000	61,900	61,000	11,800	29	415
Kansas Wesleyan University[18]	Salina, Kan.	Thos. W. Roach, Ph.D., A.M., President	76,000	65,000	25,000	.....	35	1,246
Lawrence University[19]	Appleton, Wis.	Rev. Samuel Plantz, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D., President	361,818	611,980	376,980	.....	33	559

McKendree College	Lebanon, Ill.	M. H. Chamberlain, A.M., LL.D., President	70,000	145,180	133,180	.....	14	258
Missouri Wesleyan College	Cameron, Mo.	Rev. W. D. Agnew, S.T.B., D.D., President	120,000	22,000	17,000	31,000	17	256
Moores Hill College	Moores Hill, Ind.	Rev. Frank Clare English, B.D., D.D., President	130,000	25,000	25,000	.....	15	259
Morgan College	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. J. O. Spencer, Ph.D., President	100,000	4,000	4,000	10,500	24	268
Morningside College	Sioux City, Ia.	Rev. Wilson Seeley Lewis, A.M., D.D., President	200,000	219,000	219,000	60,000	37	480
Mount Pleasant German College[20]	Mount Pleasant, Ia.	Rev. Edwin S. Havighorst, A.M., D.D., President	25,000	32,500	30,200	.....	25	163
Mount Union College	Alliance, O.	Rev. A. B. Riker, A.M., D.D., President	221,000	141,400	103,984	4,486	28	524
Nebraska Wesleyan University[21]	University Place, Neb.	Rev. DeWitt C. Huntington, D.D., LL.D., Chancellor	200,000	68,000	43,000	.....	45	911
New Orleans University	New Orleans, La.	Rev. John Wier, A.M., D.D., President	200,000	79,800	79,800	5,000	36	757
Northwestern University[22]	Evanston and Chicago, Ill.	A. W. Harris, S.C.D., LL.D., President	3,211,935	5,259,338	3,967,277	.....	324	3,662
Ohio Wesleyan University[23]	Delaware, O.	Rev. Herbert Welsh, D.D., LL.D., President	947,000	777,000	617,000	39,000	108	1,178
Philander Smith College[24]	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. Jas. M. Cox, D.D., President	55,000	.....	.....	.....	22	661
Rust University	Holly Springs, Miss.	Rev. Wm. W. Foster, Jr., D.D., President	150,000	.....	.....	.....	15	362
Scio College	Scio, O.	Rev. R. Emory Beetham, A.M., B.D., President	50,000	3,500	3,500	.....	13	149
Simpson College[25]	Indianola, Ia.	Rev. C. E. Shelton, A.M., LL.D., President	133,000	86,325	77,125	42,641	25	929
Southwestern College[26]	Winfield, Kan.	Rev. Frank E. Mossman, A.M., President	75,131	100,000	70,000	13,125	25	467
Syracuse University[27]	Syracuse, N. Y.	Rev. James R. Day, S.T.D., LL.D., D. C. L., Chan.	1,916,147	2,086,351	1,880,563	164,949	209	3,005
Union College*	Barbourville, Ky.	Rev. J. W. Easley, A.M., B.D., President	90,000	325,000	325,000	.....	13	194
University of Chattanooga[28]	Chattanooga & Athens, Tenn.	Rev. John H. Race, A.M., D.D., President	450,000	247,000	221,000	8,500	57	726
University of Denver[29]	Denver, Colo.	Rev. H. A. Buchtel, D.D., LL.D., Chancellor	260,000	358,000	155,000	.....	175	1,250
University of the Pacific[30]	San Jose, Cal.	Rev. M. S. Cross, A.M., D.D., Acting President	175,000	116,000	105,500	.....	22	261
University of Puget Sound	Tacoma, Wash.	L. L. Benbow, A.B., Vice President	125,000	.....	.....	10,000	18	316
University of Southern California[31]	Los Angeles, Cal.	Rev. Geo. F. Bovard, A. M., D.D., President	200,000	395,000	350,000	75,000	188	1,204
Upper Iowa University[32]	Fayette, Ia.	Rev. Wm. A. Shanklin, A.M., D.D., LL.D., President	200,000	200,000	118,000	16,000	24	534
Walden University[33]	Nashville, Tenn.	Rev. John A. Kumler, A.M., LL.B., D.D., President	100,000	38,000	33,000	.....	70	874
Wesley College	Grand Forks, N. D.	Rev. E. P. Robertson, A.M., D.D., President	45,000	85,000	85,000	.....	6	124
Wesleyan University	Middletown, Conn.	Rev. B. P. Raymond, D.D., LL.D., President	973,250	1,532,129	1,532,129	39,000	36	328
West Virginia Wesleyan College[34]	Buckhannon, W. Va.	Rev. Carl Gregg Doney, A.M., Ph.D., President	150,000	68,709	57,125	70,867	21	417
Wiley University[35]	Marshall, Tex.	Rev. M. W. Dogan, A.M., Ph.D., President	100,000	.....	.....	.....	32	620
Willamette University[36]	Salem, Ore.	Rev. John H. Coleman, D.D., President	289,000	157,629	37,004	.....	45	573
Woman's College of Baltimore	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D., LL.D., President	1,267,694	572,047	572,047	.....	25	348

1. Has a school of fine arts, 27 students. **2.** Has a school of fine arts, 62 students. **3.** Has a school of law, 133 students. **4.** Has a school of fine arts, 33 students. **5.** Has a theological dept., 190 students; a law dept., 335 students; a medical dept., 96 students. **6.** Has a theological dept., 37 students; a school of fine arts, 20 students; other professional schools, 70 students. **7.** Has a school of fine arts, 13 students. **8.** Has a school of fine arts, 33 students; a school of oratory, 72 students. **9.** Has a school of fine arts, 64 students. **10.** Has a law dept., 88 students. **11.** Has a law dept., 18 students; a medical dept., 27 students. **12.** Has a medical dept., 156 students; a school of fine arts, 28 students; a pharmaceutical dept., 20 students. **13.** Has a theological dept., 42 students. **14.** Has a medical dept., 109 students. **15.** Has a school of oratory, 74 students. **16.** Has a law dept., 69 students. **17.** Has a theological dept, 8 students; a school of fine arts, 17 students. **18.** Has aschool of fine arts, 12 students; other professional schools, 250 students. **19.** Has a school of fine arts, 30 students; other professional schools, 31 students. **20.** Has a theological dept., 29 students. **21.** Has a school of expression, 147 students. **22.** Has theological depts., see for their statistics Nos. 8, 17, 21. Theological Institutions, page 120. These are governed and maintained separately, and their statistics are not included in those of the university, except in the total number of students. A law dept., 287 students; medical dept., 593 students; dental dept., 355 students; pharmaceutical dept., 169 students. **23.** Has a medical dept., 92 students; a school of fine arts, 42 students; a school of oratory, 150 students. **24.** Has a theological dept., 16 students. **25.** Has a school of fine arts, 20 students; other professional schools 7 students. **26.** Has a school of fine arts, 67 students. **27.** Has a school of applied science, 405 students; a law dept., 181 students; medical dept., 154 students; school of pedagogy, 87 students; school of fine arts, 761 students. **28.** Has a theological dept., 21 students; a medical dept., 249 students. **29.** Has a law dept., 55 students; a medical dept., 127 students; a dental dept., 48 students. **30.** Has a school of fine arts, 44 students; other professional schools, 26 students. **31.** Has a law dept., 119 students; a medical dept., 100 students; a dental dept., 87 students; a school of fine arts, 60 students; other professional schools, 87 students. **32.** Has a school of fine arts, 21 students; a school of oratory, 145 students. **33.** Has a theological dept., 26 students; a law dept., 3 students; a medical dept., 300 students; a dental dept., 100 students; a pharmaceutical dept., 44 students; other professional schools, 8 students. **34.** Has a school of fine, arts, 3 students. **35.** Has a theological dept., 12 students; a law dept., 3 students; other professional schools, 9 students. **36.** Has a theological dept., 23 students; a law dept. 19 students; a medical dept., 46 students; a school of fine arts, 28 students; other professional schools, 112 students.

*No report, same as last year;

Classical Seminaries

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER	Value of Grounds and Buildings	Total Endowment	Productive Endowment	Amount of Debts	No. Professors and Teachers	Students Last Year
Aaron Seminary	Montezuma, N. C.	Rev. G. F. Keen, Principal	$5,000	$.....	$.....	$139	3	116
A. B. Wright Institute	Burrville, Tenn.	Rev. M. H. Monroe, S.T.B., Principal	5,500	.....	.....	241	4	175
Albuquerque College	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	Rev. Thos. Harwood, President	45,000	.....	.....	5,000	4	70
Arkansas Conference College	Siloam Springs, Ark.	Rev. Thos. Mason, A.M., D.D., President	33,900	12,650	12,650	5,538	9	165
Bennett Academy	Clarkson, Miss.	C. H. Westenberger, Principal	12,000	.....	.....	.....	6	225
Bennett College	Greensboro, N. C.	Rev. S. A. Peeler, A.M., D.D., President	50,000	.....	.....	1,506	8	243
Blinn Memorial College	Brenham, Tex.	Rev. John Pluenneke, B.S., D.D., President	50,000	45,000	45,000	5,000	9	204
Carleton College	Farmington, Mo.	Rev. G. B. Thomas, B.S., A.B., President	60,000	.....	.....	.....	6	159
Cazenovia Seminary	Cazenovia, N. Y.	Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, D.D., Litt.D., President	73,800	46,197	46,197	2,700	14	185
Centenary Collegiate Institute	Hackettstown, N. J.	Rev. Eugene A. Noble, D.D., President	300,000	.....	.....	16,000	17	264
Central Alabama College	Mason City, Ala.	Rev. Wm. R. A. Palmer, A.M., D.D., President	50,000	.....	.....	400	7	146
Cookman Institute	Jacksonville, Fla.	Rev. Jas. T. Docking, Ph.D., President	35,000	.....	.....	.....	4	472
East Greenwich Academy*	East Greenwich, R. I.	Rev. L. G. Horton, Principal	70,847	7,842	.....	15,000	15	158
East Maine Conference Seminary	Bucksport, Me.	Frederick E. Bragdon, A.B., A.M., President	16,600	30,000	30,000	7,000	9	117
Epworth Seminary	Epworth, Ia.	Rev. H. R. De Bra, A.M., B.D., President	55,000	25,115	10,840	.....	12	180
Evanston Acad. of Northwestern Univ.	Evanston, Ill.	Arthur H. Wilde, Ph.D., Principal	75,000 [1]	..	[1]	[1]	18	692
Genesee Wesleyan Seminary	Lima, N. Y.	Rev. L. F. Congdon, Ph.D., D.D., Principal	115,343	90,000	65,000	3,348	18	250
George R. Smith College	Sedalia, Mo.	Rev. I. L. Lowe, D.D., Ph.D., President	70,000	.....	.....	.....	10	147
Gilbert Academy and Indus'l College*	Baldwin, La.	H. W. McDonald, Principal	75,000	40,000	40,000	.....	10	230
Graham Collegiate Institute	Marshallberg, N. C.	Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, A.B., B.D., President	10,000	.....	.....	1,200	5	135
Grand Prairie Seminary	Onarga, Ill.	Henry Hoag Frost, A.B., President	50,000	100,000	77,000	8,000	14	210
John H. Snead Seminary	Boaz, Ala.	Rev. Isaiah B. Hudnutt, A.B., D.D., Principal	12,000	.....	.....	2,200	9	380
Kingsley Seminary	Bloomingdale, Tenn.	Rev. A. C. Ketron, Principal	2,500	.....	.....	.....	2	105
McLemoresville Collegiate Institute	McLemoresville, Tenn.	J. W. Williams, Principal	5,500	.....	.....	.....	5	132
Maine Wes. Sem. and Woman's College	Kents Hill, Me.	Rev. Wilbur Fisk Berry, D.D., President	200,000	180,000	180,000	27,000	14	185
Mallalieu Seminary	Kinsey, Ala.	Rev. Geo. M. Hamlen, D.D., President	12,000	8,000	8,000	.....	4	91
Marionville Collegiate Institute	Marionville, Mo.	Rev. Lewis Grant Reser, A.M., President	60,000	40,000	.....	8,000	11	256
Montana Wesleyan University	Helena, Mont.	Rev. R. P. Smith, A.M., D.D., President	40,000	.....	.....	1,000	13	153
Montpelier Seminary	Montpelier, Vt.	Rev. E. A. Bishop, A.M., D.D., Principal	104,437	34,560	34,560	58,016	12	205
Morristown Normal and Indus'l College	Morristown, Tenn.	Rev. Judson S. Hill, A.M., D.D., President	100,000	.....	.....	.....	22	336
Mount Zion Seminary	Mount Zion, Ga.	J. L. Robb, A.B., Principal	7,000	.....	.....	.....	5	190
Murphy College	Sevierville, Tenn.	E. F. Goddard, A.B., A.M., President	25,000	.....	.....	600	5	403
Oakland Seminary	Baileyton, Tenn.	J. L. A. Bumgarner, Principal	10,000	.....	.....	.....	3	181
Pennington Seminary	Pennington, N. J.	Rev. Frank Moore, A.M., D.D., President	250,000	12,000	12,000	52,000	23	230

Powells Valley Seminary*	Well Spring, Tenn.	J. H. Claiborne, President Board of Trustees	4,000	.....	.....	.....	4	175
Princess Anne Academy[1]	Princess Anne, Md.	Frank Trigg, A.M., Principal	[2]	[2]	[2]	[2]	10	134
Saint Paul's College[2]	Saint Paul Park, Minn.	Rev. H. J. Hoffert, M.S., Ph.B., President	45,000	10,000	.....	2,200	7	72
Samuel Huston College	Austin, Tex.	Rev. R. S. Lovinggood, A.M., President	60,000	.....	.....	.....	15	517
Summertown Seminary	Summertown, Tenn.	Rev. U. G. Paschal, B.S., President	3,000	.....	.....	.....	2	70
Tilton Seminary	Tilton, N. H.	George L. Plimpton, A.M., Principal	125,000	100,000	100,000	20,000	17	287
Troy Conference Academy	Poultney, Vt.	Rev. Chas. H. Dunton, D.D., Principal	86,000	28,000	25,000	.....	12	216
Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Inst.	Lynchburg, Va.	Rev. G. E. Stephens, Principal	60,000	.....	.....	.....	6	77
Wesleyan Academy	Wilbraham, Mass.	Rev. Chas. M. Melden, Ph.D., D.D., Principal	220,000	61,026	35,522	29,000	11	185
Wesleyan Academy	Chuckey, Tenn.	Samuel H. Thompson, B.S., B.Ped., Principal	15,000	.....	.....	.....	6	215
Williamsport Dickinson Seminary	Williamsport, Pa.	Rev. Wm. Perry Eveland, Ph.D., D.D., President	200,000	42,000	19,000	3,900	20	430
Wilmington Conference Academy	Dover, Del.	Rev. E. L. Cross, A.M., D.Ped., Principal	80,000	.....	.....	.....	10	135
Wyoming Seminary	Kingston, Pa.	Rev. L. L. Sprague, D.D., President	300,000	70,000	70,000	.....	23	552

*No report received; same as last year. [1] Belongs to Morgan College. [2] See also theological institutions. [1] See Northwestern University. [2] See Morgan College.

Institutions Exclusively for Women

The Woman's College of Baltimore	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D., LL.D., President	$1,267,604	$572,047	$572,047	$.....	25	348
Drew Seminary for Young Women	Carmel, N. Y.	Rev. David H. Hanaburgh, A.M., S.T.D., President	$53,000	$.....	$.....	13,500	15	73
Fort Edward Collegiate Institute	Fort Edward, N. Y.	Rev. Jos. A. King, D.D., Ph.D., President	70,000	40,000	30,000	18,000	10	53
Girls' Latin School*	Baltimore, Md.	Leonard A. Blue, Principal	[1]	[1]	[1]	.....	13	172
Illinois Woman's College	Jacksonville, Ill.	Rev. Jos. R. Harker, A.M., Ph.D., President	250,000	50,000	25,000	.....	27	330
Jennings Seminary	Aurora, Ill.	Miss Bertha Annette Barber, B.S., Principal	60,000	.....	.....	12,000	8	60
Lasell Seminary for Young Women	Auburndale, Mass.	Chas. Cushman Bragdon, A.M., LL.D., Principal	200,000	1,000	1,000	.....	29	167
Philadelphia Collegiate Institute	Philadelphia, Pa.	Miss Susan C. Lodge, Principal	.....	7,500	7,500	.....	9	58

*No report; same as last year. [1] See The Woman's College of Baltimore.

Unclassified

Ohio Northern University	Ada, O.	Rev. A. Edwin Smith, D.D., Ph.D., President	$125,000	$.....	$.....	$12,000	32	2,300
Chicago Training School	Chicago, Ill.	J. Shelley Meyer, Superintendent	157,500	29,000	29,000	18,000	11	225

Missionary Institutes and Bible Training Schools

Anglo-Japanese Training School	San Francisco, Cal.	Rev. Milton S. Vail, A.B., Principal	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	8	330
Cincinnati Missionary Training School	Cincinnati, O.	Miss Harriet L. Kemper, President	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	12
Folts' Mission Institute	Herkimer, N. Y.	Miss Ida V. Jontz, President	50,000	6,000	6,000	.....	12	44
Lucy Webb Hayes' Nat'l Train'g School	Washington, D. C.	Rev. Charles W. Gallagher, D.D., President	225,000	.....	.....	.....	27	83

Theological Institutions

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER	Value of Grounds and Buildings	Total Endowment	Productive Endowment	Amount of Debts	No. Professors and Teachers	Students Last Year
Bareilly Theological Seminary*[5]	Bareilly, India	Rev. W. A. Mansell, A.M., D.D., Principal	$	$66,900	$54,400	$	13	127
Boston University School of Theology[1]	Boston, Mass.	Rev. W. E. Huntington, D.D., LL.D., President	150,000	[1]	[1]	[1]	20	190
Central Wesleyan Theological Seminary[1]	Warrenton, Mo.	Rev. G. B. Addicks, A.M., D.D., President	140,000	100,000	98,000	5,000	4	37
Drew Theological Seminary	Madison, N. J.	Rev. H. A. Buttz, D.D., LL.D., President	569,000	520,000	520,000		8	167
Florence B. Nicholson School of Theol.	Baroda, India	Rev. A. A. Parker, A.B., Principal	15,000				12	74
Fowler School of Theology*[4]	Nanking, China	Rev. H. F. Rowe, A.B., B.D., Dean	7,000				3	8
Gammon Theological Seminary	South Atlanta, Ga.	Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., D.D., President	108,000	522,959			5	86
Garrett Biblical Institute	Evanston, Ill.	Rev. C. J. Little, D.D., President	105,000	1,502,966	1,502,966	762,504	9	173
Iliff School of Theology[2]	Denver, Colo.		72,000	131,000	131,000			
Martin Mission Institute*[5]	Frankfort-on-Main, Germ'y	Rev. P. G. Junker, Director	50,000	8,250	8,000		5	38
Methodist Theological School[3]	Copenhagen, Denmark	Rev. Chr. Jensen, President		500	500		3	3
Methodist Theological Seminary[3]	Helsingfors, Finland	Rev. J. W. Haggman, Principal					3	6
Mexican Methodist Institute of Theol.[3]	Pueblo, Mexico	Rev. P. F. Valderrama, A.M., D.D., President	30,000				20	234
Mount Pleasant German College[1]	Mount Pleasant, Ia.	Rev. E. S. Havighorst, A.M., S.T.B., President	25,000	32,500	30,200		4	29
Nast Theological Seminary[1,5]	Berea, O.	Rev. C. Riemenschneider, D.D., LL.D., President	133,450	162,610	143,530		4	42
Norway Theological School[3]	Christiania, Norway	Rev. Ole Olsen, President		4,950	4,585		3	4
Norwegian-Danish Theological Seminary	Evanston, Ill.	Rev. N. E. Simonsen, D.D., President	14,000	12,000	12,000		1	18
Philander Smith Biblical Institute[6]	Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan	Rev. Julius Soper, D.D., Dean	200,000				7	30
Reeder Theological Seminary*[3]	Rome, Italy	Rev. N. Walling Clark, D.D., President	50,000				3	8
Saint Paul's College[1]	Saint Paul Park, Minn.	Rev. H. J. Hoffert, M.S., Ph.B., President	45,000	10,000		2,200	1	6
Swedish Theological Seminary	Evanston, Ill.	Rev. Albert Ericson, A.M., D.D., President	50,000	40,000	40,000	16,000	4	27
Theological School of Sweden[3]	Upsala, Sweden	Rev. K. A. Jansson, President	2,700	20,427	16,377		4	32
The Biblical Institute of Korea	Seoul, Korea	Rev. Geo. Heber Jones, D.D., President	50,000				5	120
The Florence B. Nicholson Bible Sem.	Manila, P. I.	Rev. Harvey Farmer, B.S., S.T.B., Principal		1,000	1,000		5	25
The S. L. Baldwin School of Theology[4]	Foochow, China	Rev. W. A. Main, President	5,000				5	45
Univ. of Chattanooga School of Theol.[1]	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Rev. John H. Race, A.M., D.D., President	450,000	247,000	221,000	8,500	5	21

* No report; same as last year.
[1] See list of Colleges and Universities.
[2] The Iliff School of Theology is temporarily suspended.
[3] See Foreign Mission Schools.
[4] Belongs to Nanking University. See Foreign Mission Schools.
[5] Belongs to German Wallace College.
[6] Belongs to Anglo-Japanese College. See Foreign Mission Schools.

Foreign Mission Schools

Chentu College	Chentu, China	Rev. Joseph Beech, A.B., President	$7,000	$	$	$	6	51
Hwia Mei High School*	Chentu, China	Rev. Joseph Beech, A.B., Principal	3,000				8	114
Chinkiang Girls' School*	Chinkiang, China	Mrs. M. C. Robinson and G. A. Crooks, Associate Prins.	7,000				9	60

Chungking Girls' Boarding School*	Chungking, China	Miss Dorothy Jones, Principal	1,000	.....	.....	.....	1	40
Foochow Conference Seminary*	Foochow, China	Miss Phœbe A. Parkinson, Principal	3,000	.....	.....	.....	5	40
Foochow Girls' Boarding School	Foochow, China	Miss Julia Bonafield, Principal	15,000	.....	.....	.....	11	175
Hokling Anglo-Chinese College	Foochow, China	Rev. John Gowdy, A.B., B.D., President	18,831	.....	.....	.....	19	335
S. L. Baldwin School of Theology[1]	Foochow, China	Rev. W. A. Main, President	5,000	.....	.....	.....	5	45
Anglo-Chinese Boys' School*	Hinghua, China	Rev. F. L. Guthrie, D.D., Principal	4,000	.....	.....	1,000	11	105
Hinghua Anglo-Chinese High School*	Hinghua, China	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Brewster, Principal	5,000	.....	.....	.....	17	191
Hinghua Biblical Training School*	Hinghua, China	Rev. Wm. N. Brewster, Principal	1,700	.....	.....	.....	7	48
Hamilton Girls' Boarding School*	Hinghua, China	Misses L. W. Varney and P. E. Westcott, Assoc. Prins.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	62
Harley Bible Training School*	Ingchung, China	Harry G. Dildine, Principal	2,750	.....	.....	.....	7	32
William Nast College*	Kiukiang, China	Rev. Carl F. Kupfer, President	80,000	1,500	1,500	.....	14	132
Kucheng Girls' Boarding School*	Kucheng City, China	Miss Grace B. Travis, Principal	4,000	.....	.....	.....	9	88
Kucheng Women's School*	Kucheng City, China	Miss Freda V. Lorenz, Principal	2,000	.....	.....	.....	5	46
Schell Cooper Academy*	Kucheng, China	Mrs. J. H. Worley, Principal	1,800	.....	.....	.....	3	20
Stephen L. Baldwin Mem'l Girls' School*	Nanchang, China	Miss Kate L. Ogborn, Principal	9,000	500	.....	100	7	43
Fowler School of Theology*[1,2]	Nanking, China	Rev. H. F. Rowe, A.B., B.D., Dean	7,000	.....	.....	.....	3	8
Nanking Girls' Boarding School*	Nanking, China	Misses Ella C. Shaw and Alice Peters, Assoc. Prins	3,000	.....	.....	.....	8	73
Nanking University*	Nanking, China	Rev. Geo. A. Stuart, A.M., M.D., President	35,000	.....	.....	.....	18	151
Ngucheng Girls' Boarding School*	Ngucheng, China	Miss Mabel Allen, Principal	2,250	.....	.....	.....	5	60
Ngucheng Woman's Training School*	Ngucheng, China	Miss Carrie M. Bartlett, Principal	1,500	.....	.....	.....	3	20
Mary Porter Gamewell School	Peking, China	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell, Principal	45,000	.....	.....	3,592	13	237
Peking University	Peking, China	Rev. H. H. Lowry, A.M., D.D., President	125,000	145,000	20,000	.....	44	503
Intermediate School for Boys	Tsinanfu, Shantung, China	P. O. Hanson, Principal	3,000	.....	.....	.....	7	143
Tientsin Intermediate School	Tientsin, China	Rev. Burton St. John, A.B., B.D., Principal	12,000	500	500	.....	5	118
Wingchiang Boys' Boarding School*	Wingchiang, China	Rev. J. H. Worley, Principal	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	30
Wingchiang Girls' Boarding School*	Wingchiang, China	Miss Isabel D. Longstreet, Principal	6,000	.....	.....	.....	4	27
Sites Memorial Academy*	Yenpingfu, China	C. S. Champness, Principal	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	17
Methodist Theological School[1]	Copenhagen, Denmark	Rev. Chr. Jansen, President	.....	500	500	.....	3	3
Methodist Theological Seminary[1]	Helsingfors, Finland	Rev. J. W. Haggman, Principal	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6
Martin Mission Institute*[1]	Frankfort-on-Main, Germ'y	Rev. P. G. Junker, Director	50,000	8,250	8,000	.....	5	38
Bareilly Theological Seminary*[1]	Bareilly, India	Rev. W. A. Mansell, A.M., D.D., Principal	.....	58,900	54,400	.....	14	127
American Methodist Institution	Calcutta, India	Rev. J. P. Nesik, Principal	50,000	.....	.....	20,000	19	440
Theological and Training School	Calcutta, India	Rev. J. P. Nesik, Principal	22,000	.....	.....	20,000	6	45
Reid Christian College*	Lucknow, India	Rev. C. L. Bare, President	50,000	13,000	13,000	3,000	30	295
Philander Smith College	Naini Tal, India	Rev. P. S. Hyde, A.M., Principal	25,000	71,600	71,600	21,638	12	137
Hardwicke Christian High School	Narsinghpur, C. P., India	Rev. F. C. Aldrich, Principal	10,766	.....	.....	.....	12	270
Boys' High School*	Oak Openings, U. P., India	Rev. J. C. Butcher, B.D., M.D., Principal	20,000	34,000	34,000	28,000	9	80
Crandon International Institute*	Rome, Italy	Miss Martha Ellen Vickery, A.B., Directress	75,000	.....	.....	6,000	33	296
Methodist College	Rome, Italy	Edward B. T. Spencer, A.M., President	.....	1,000	1,000	1,250	12	51
Reeder Theological School*[1]	Rome, Italy	Rev. N. Walling Clark, D.D., President	50,000	.....	.....	.....	3	8
Caroline Wright Memorial School*	Hakodate, Japan	Miss Augusta Dickerson, Principal	15,000	.....	.....	.....	20	204
Chinzei College	Nagasaki, Japan	Rev. U. Sassamori, Ph.D., D.D., President	40,000	.....	.....	.....	16	389
Kwassui College	Nagasaki, Japan	Miss Marianna Young, Principal	50,000	2,100	2,100	.....	26	441
Pure Stream Girls' School*	Nagoya, Japan	Miss Anna P. Atkinson, Principal	10,000	.....	.....	.....	10	143
Anglo-Japanese College	Aoyama, Tokyo, Japan	Rev. S. Ogata, D.D., Acting President	375,000	.....	.....	.....	21	349
The Biblical Institute of Korea	Seoul, Korea	Rev. Geo. Heber Jones, D.D., President	50,000	.....	.....	.....	8	320

* No report received; same as last year.

[1] See also Theological Institutions.

[2] See Nanking University.

Foreign Mission Schools—*Continued*

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	PRESENT CHIEF OFFICER	Value of Grounds and Buildings	Total Endowment	Productive Endowment	Amount of Debts	No. Professors and Teachers	Students Last Year
Anglo-Chinese School*	Singapore, Sts. Set., Mal...	Rev. K. E. Pease, Sc.B., Principal	$50,000	$.....	$	.....	28	900
Pachuca Girls' School*	Pachuca, Mexico	Miss Ida Bohannon, Directress	35,000	.....	.....	.....	13	425
Mexican Methodist Institute	Pueblo, Mexico	Rev. P. F. Valderama, A.M., D.D., President	30,000	.....	.....	.....	20	234
Norway Theological School[1]	Christiania, Norway	Rev. Ole Olsen, President	.....	4,950	4,585	.....	3	4
Santiago College*	Santiago, Chili, S. Amer...	Rev. I. H. La Fetra, D.D., President	100,000	.....	.....	.....	20	136
Theological School of Sweden[1]	Upsala, Sweden	Rev. K. A. Jansson, President	2,700	20,427	16,377	.....	4	32

* No report received; same as last year. [1] See also Theological Institutions.

Statistical Summary of Educational Institutions Conducted under the Auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church

CLASS OF INSTITUTIONS	Number of Schools	Value of Grounds and Buildings	Total Endowment	Productive Endowment	Amount of Debts	Value of Property and Endowments Exclusive of Debts	Number of Professors and Teachers	Grand Total[1]
Theological Institutions	26	$2,262,150	$3,375,062	$2,783,558	$794,204	$4,843,008	157	1,550
Colleges and Universities	54	18,485,323	19,642,444	15,493,612	810,938	37,316,829	2,595	[2] 36,089
Classical Seminaries	47	3,284,427	982,390	810,769	274,979	3,991,838	473	10,365
Institutions exclusively for Women	8	1,900,604	670,547	635,547	43,500	2,527,651	136	1,261
Foreign Mission Schools	55	1,520,297	362,227	227,562	104,580	1,777,944	617	[3] 8,420
Missionary Institutes and Bible Training Schools	4	275,000	6,000	6,000	.....	281,000	53	469
Unclassified Institutions	2	282,500	29,000	29,000	30,000	281,500	43	2,525
Total	196	28,010,301	25,067,670	19,986,048	2,058,201	51,019,770	4,074	60,679
Less Schools duplicated	21	2,248,754	1,217,184	1,148,639	15,700	3,450,238	143	1,373
Net total for year ending June, 1907	175	25,761,547	23,850,486	18,837,409	2,042,501	47,569,532	2,931	59,306
Net total for year ending June, 1906	170	23,134,751	23,404,790	18,502,427	3,512,472	41,550,756	3,676	56,410

[1] All duplicates are subtracted in the grand totals.
[2] The apparent discrepancy in the total is due to the failure of some of the schools to give the number of men and women separately.
[3] A few of this number are college students proper; but the number of such is small, and the reports are incomplete.

Department of Freedmen's Aid

THE importance of Christian education in the South cannot be too strongly emphasized. The necessity devolves upon the Church and the Nation to prepare an emancipated race for the responsibilities of citizenship. The public school system of the South is inadequate and in some cases scarcely exists. The obligation, therefore, upon us to strengthen and enlarge our work, and especially so in view of the growing spirit of self-help among the colored people, who gave last year nearly one dollar in every four of the total amount received by Conference collections from the entire church.

The work which we are doing for the education of the mountaineer is equally important. There are at present forty-six institutions under the direction of the Board, with lands and buildings valued at $2,604,820.32. Twenty-five are among the colored people, with 8,000 students, and twenty-one among the white people, situated mainly in eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina and northern Georgia, with 4,000 students.

Some Results.—During the forty-two years of this work in the South there have been in these schools more than 312,000 pupils. From the schools among the colored people alone 13,218 teachers and 3,000 ministers have been prepared for work among their own people. In addition to these teachers and preachers, who are largely engaged in moral and religious work, thousands of young men and women have been carefully trained in the industries, many of whom are principals and instructors in other industrial schools. 1,142 physicians, pharmacists and dentists have graduated from the professional schools and 123 young colored women as trained nurses from the hospitals at Nashville and New Orleans. From the schools among the mountaineers more than 2,700 preachers and teachers have been prepared, and it is a significant fact that the public schools in many of the mountain districts of the South must depend almost entirely upon these schools for their teachers.

The Work Ethical and Moral.—The work of these schools has been very largely ethical and moral, while the intellectual and industrial education of the students has been strictly guarded. As a result the students and graduates are always on the moral side of questions in the community, and give character and efficiency to the work of our church. The leading pastors and presiding elders in the Conferences, superintendents of the Sunday schools and presidents of the Epworth Leagues have nearly all of them been prepared for their work by some one of these institutions. A larger number of Southern white people are coming to recognize and appreciate this work, because of the position which these students take upon moral questions in their communities. In some sections an increasing number of native white citizens are annual contributors to their local schools.

Industrial Education.—The industrial work taught in all of the schools is constantly increasing, but the Board has wisely planted the strength of its industrial work at six strategic points in the very black belt of the South, namely, Claflin University at Orangeburg, S. C., Morristown Industrial College at Morristown, Tenn., Clark University

at Atlanta, Ga., Rust University at Holly Springs, Miss., Wiley University at Marshall, Texas, and Gilbert Industrial College at Baldwin, La. The industrial department at Claflin University has been largely equipped during the past year, and is now making a specialty of preparing young men and women in many lines of industrial work, and in qualifying industrial teachers to take charge of the auxiliary industrial schools in many sections of the South. At Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., the four hundred acres of the school land there is being put under systematic cultivation. Mr. P. C. Parks, a graduate of Claflin and of the Wisconsin State Agriculture College, has charge of the farm, and several departments including dairying, truck farming, butter and cheese making, are under successful operation. There were in these schools last year taking systematic trades and industries 2,959, which is a slight increase over the attendance of the year before.

Conference Collections.—The schools are maintained for the most part by collections from the Conferences and special contributions. The Conference collections for the year ending June 30, 1907, amounted to $114,021.78, an increase over last year of $2,119.34, which was the largest collection ever received from Conferences. Special contributions to the schools amounted to $24,556.03, making a total of Conference collections general and special of $138,477.81. This does not include more than $50,000 contributed directly to the schools, and indicates that this work still has a place on the hearts and consciences of the people. The collections already received from the Fall Conferences as we go to press, however, indicate a decrease in Conference collections for the coming year. This is evidently due to consolidation, which it would seem is not quite understood in the churches. Notwithstanding the fact that at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1907, the Board had received the largest collection in the history of the Church, if the Spring Conferences report such a deficit as was indicated in the report from the Fall Conferences, we shall be in danger of having to face the calamity of closing some of the schools and greatly crippling the usefulness of others by decreased appropriations. The Board earnestly requests pastors to send in their collections as soon as taken to Secretary Mason, or the treasurer, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Gifts.—The splendid work which the Board is doing in the South is attracting the attention of philanthropists. In the past year Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave $15,000 to Wiley University for a library and $14,000 to Claflin University for a boys' dormitory, and has made conditional gifts of $10,000 each to several other institutions. Mr. S. H. Tingley of Providence, R. I., gave $32,000 for a Tingley Memorial building at Claflin University in memory of his wife, and Mr. John Harney of Los Angeles, Cal., gave $8,000 for Claflin for the erection of the Mary E. Dunton Hall for Boys.

Self-help Increasing.—It is encouraging to note the increase in self-help both in the schools and Conferences in the South. Through the students last year the Board received in tuition, room rent, and board, $167,527.08, which is an increase over the previous year of $25,397.58. More encouraging still are the reports from the Conferences. Several of the white Conferences have made encouraging advances, especially the Holston and the Georgia. The reports from the colored Conferences show a remarkable gain. The South Carolina Conference, with a collection last year of $7,100, stands now at the head of the list of

all the Conferences in the Church in the amount given to this work. This Conference is composed entirely of colored ministers with the exception of Rev. Dr. L. M. Dunton, President of Claflin University, whose graduates are largely in evidence in the Conference membership.

Lincoln Birthday Sunday.—The Lincoln Birthday Sunday is now generally observed throughout the Church. The birthday of the great Emancipator is perhaps the most appropriate day on which to lay upon the hearts of Christian patriots this great cause for completing the work which Lincoln himself began, and to take offerings for its maintenance and support. It is hoped that the Lincoln Birthday Sunday will be observed in all the churches, and especially in the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues. Literature will be furnished to Epworth Leagues, to young people's societies and to Sunday schools throughout the Church, who may desire them. The "Living Link," by which each school thus helping can get in connection with the school it helps, is an important feature of this year's celebration. Will pastors please write the Cincinnati office for literature, song services and tracts at the earliest possible moment?

The Corresponding Secretary of The Freedmen's Aid, is Rev. M. C. B. Mason, 220 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O.

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Department of Sunday Schools

By referring to the Christian Advocate of October 31, 1831, we find the following: "The Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church was established in the year 1827; was sanctioned by the General Conference in the year 1828, and has since spread itself by means of auxiliary and branch societies all over the United States and territories."

The Union was organized April 2, 1827, when Nathan Bangs was elected its corresponding secretary. It was taken under the supervision of the General Conference in 1840. Since that time the Corresponding Secretaries have been: Dr. Daniel P. Kidder, 1844–1856; Dr. Daniel Wise, 1856–1868; Dr. J. H. Vincent, 1868–1888; Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, 1888–1900; Dr. T. B. Neely, 1900–1904. At the General Conference of that year Dr. J. T. McFarland was elected and holds the position at the present time.

The Sunday school work has always lain close to the heart of the Church. There are many who have been deeply interested in it, while there have also been many who have given it small attention. We are in the era of a Sunday school revival, and greater progress is being made in the educational work of the school and greater confidence in it as an evangelistic organization. There is a study of the nature of childhood such as was never engaged in before, and people are coming to realize that the matter of first importance is the nature of the child just as the physician needs first to know his patient. The Sunday school authorities of the Church are planning to meet all the needs as they may arise, and while some changes have been caused through the plan of consolidation, the work for which the Sunday School Union always stood is being carried on the same as before.

What is the Sunday School Department?—The Sunday School Department is at the head of all the Sunday schools in the denomination. Every Sunday school of the Church belongs to and is a part of this Department. It has the duty of furnishing literature for the Sunday schools, and therefore prepares various lesson helps in the form of periodicals and books, papers for children and young people, and other requisites of many kinds. Beyond this it is a benevolent society, and disburses in a charitable and benevolent way the money contributed by churches, Sunday schools, and individuals. This is not the American Sunday School Union. It is the denominational Sunday school society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and exists for furthering the Sunday school interests of the denomination. It gives large grants from its small income to foreign mission fields to sustain Sunday school work in all lands and in all languages. It also

does an indispensable work for the small Sunday schools in sparsely settled regions. These are developing into churches, and thus the Sunday School Department is a real Church Extension Society.

Financial Plan.—The Sunday School Department derives its current income from two sources: (1) The congregations. (2) The Sunday schools. The collection in our schools should be given precedence over all demands from interdenominational Sunday school associations—our own Sunday school work first; then such help as can be afforded to other organizations. The Secretary of the Sunday School Union proposes a plan for taking this collection in the Sunday schools that is awakening much interest and bringing excellent results. It provides for an offering from each class, and involves competition for a beautiful silk Honor Banner from the Sunday School Union. Write for details.

The offering received in the congregation is shared with that of the Freedmen's Aid Society in the proportion of two-thirds and one-third, the Freedmen's Aid Society receiving the larger share. Rally Day is observed extensively throughout the Church and is increasing from year to year. The offering taken on this day goes entirely toward the support of the Sunday School Department and is not divided with any other.

How the Sunday School Department Helps.—Every year the Sunday School Department makes grants of Sunday school literature to newly organized schools and to schools too weak to be self-supporting. Out of such schools many strong churches have grown. The demand for such help goes far beyond the income of the Department. It is an indispensable help in all of our mission fields. Its appropriations to these fields amount to about $7,000 annually, and this is but a fraction of the amount that could be used most fruitfully in this way.

Why the Sunday School Department Should be Supported.—(1) The Sunday school represents the largest single interest of the Church, its membership being about ten per cent more than the total membership of the Church. (2) The Sunday school deals with the period and condition of life which make possible the largest spiritual results. Out of the ranks of the Sunday school come seven-eighths of the accessions to the membership of the Church. (3) In new and neglected fields the Sunday school will be the beginning of a church. (4) The Sunday School Department is the only organization of the Church which devotes itself to giving direction to the study and teaching of the Bible. (5) The strengthening of the Sunday schools will contribute to the growth of all the benevolent societies of the Church. (6) The Sunday school is pre-eminently the school of the Church for the training of Christian workers.

TRACT SOCIETY

The first systematic effort on the part of Methodists to distribute tracts on a large scale was made in New York city in the year 1817, when a Tract Society was organized "to furnish the poorer classes of the community with religious reading." After a few years the work of this Society was blended with that of the Book Concern. In 1827 a Society known as "The Bible, Sunday School and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" was organized, and continued after reorganization in 1833 until 1836, in which year the Bible inter-

ests of the Church were merged with the work of the American Bible Society. This practically though not intentionally dissolved the Society which had been organized in 1827. From 1844 to 1852, the editing of tracts was placed for each quadrennium in the hands of one of the editors appointed by the General Conference. At the General Conference of 1852 the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in substantially the form in which it existed until January, 1907, when in accordance with an action taken at the General Conference of 1904, the Society was merged with several other Societies of the Church into one large organization known as The Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday Schools. This in reality destroys the corporate existence of the Tract Society but not the work that has been done for so many years, for it is being continued from the office of the Sunday School Department. Grants are being made wherever they are asked for and during ten months of the year 1907 they reached $15,250 worth of tracts given in aid of the work at home and in foreign mission fields. This certainly does not look as if the tract work of the Church was dead. It is rather intended to extend the work than to limit it. A new series of tracts is being published. Many of the older ones have been cut out of the catalogue and their publication is not being continued, while tracts new, fresh, and up-to-date, neatly and attractively printed, are being issued, so that whoever will use this method of aiding in evangelization and religious education can have abundant opportunity.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

THE American Bible Society is now in its ninety-second year. The year reported has no unusual feature save that which is characteristic of every work of God—growth.

The issues during the year ending March 31, 1907, were 1,910,853; of these, 1,010,777 were issued from the Bible House in New York, and 900,076 from the Society's agencies abroad.

The work of translation and revision of the Scriptures is never *done*. During 1906 the Shanghai colloquial Bible and the High Wauli and the Mandarin New Testaments have been completed; progress has been made in translation into Korean, into Laos, into Sheetswa (Dr. Richards, of Inhambane), and into three dialects of the Philippines. During the same year revision has progressed upon three Chinese versions, upon the Zulu, the Bulgarian, and the Arabic versions. Such work touches fully one fourth of the human race by improving the clearness with which God's Word is offered them. In our own land is increased opportunity for circulating the Scriptures in strange tongues. From the home point of view translation of the Scriptures abroad takes a new aspect; as a preparation for teaching needy aliens in America.

The total issues of the Society during ninety years amounted to 80,420,382 copies. There were employed in the work of the circulation of the Scriptures during the year 521 persons, the average time of actual service being about six months.

The total receipts of the Society during the year, omitting trust funds, amounted to $548,343.88.

The Annual Report of the Society gives a full statement of the work in each of the foreign agencies and the special agency of the

United States. Copies of the same may be secured by sending to the Secretaries ten cents to cover the cost of postage. A brief condensation of the Annual Report, called "Beside All Waters," will be sent free on application. The Bible Society Record, published monthly, giving an illustrated account of the work of the Society in all lands, is sent to one subscriber for thirty cents a year. Correspondence concerning either the domestic or foreign operations of the Society, together with applications for donations and grants, should be addressed to the secretaries. Communications relating to life memberships, accounts, legacies, and funds, likewise orders, should be addressed to the treasurer. The management of the Society is vested in a Board composed of thirty-four members, of whom a number are representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The president of the Society is Daniel C. Gilman, LL.D., of Baltimore, Md., who was the first president of Carnegie Institute. There are also twenty-six vice-presidents. The treasurer is Mr. William Foulke, and the secretaries of the Society are the Rev. John Fox, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. I. Haven, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, corresponding secretaries, and the Rev. H. O. Dwight, LL.D., of the Congregational Church, recording secretary. Upon the secretaries and the treasurer the chief burden of the development and prosecution of the Society's mission devolves.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE thirty-eighth annual meeting of the General Executive Committee of this Society was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ill., October 24–31, 1907. The interior of the First Methodist Church was burned the week previous to the meeting, and the Presbyterian congregation kindly offered the use of their church. Progress was manifest in every department of the Society's work.

Finances.—$692,490.07 has been raised during the last year, an increase of $76,032.36 over the preceding year. This is distributed as follows.—Branches: New England, $84,320.88; New York, $96,746.83; Philadelphia, $65,981.59; Baltimore, $18,814.87; Cincinnati, $88,695.53; Northwestern, $152,952.46; Minneapolis, $67,420.97; Des Moines, $28,209.63; Topeka, $42,066.96; Pacific, $33,329.00; Columbia River, $13,951.35. During the thirty-eight years of its organization the Society has raised $9,244,187.21. Over $42,000 of the amount collected this year is to be devoted to the China Centennial Fund.

Branch Corresponding Secretaries.—The management of this Society rests largely with the branch corresponding secretaries, namely: New England, Miss M. E. Holt, 4 Berwick Park, Boston, Mass.; New York, Mrs. J. M. Cornell, 560 West Twenty-sixth Street, New York; Philadelphia, Miss C. J. Carnahan, Shady and Walnut Streets, Pittsburg, Pa.; Baltimore, Mrs. E. D. Huntley, Washington, D. C.; Cincinnati, Mrs. R. L. Thomas, McMillen Street, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.; Northwestern, Mrs. F. P. Crandon, 1414 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Ill.; Des Moines, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Des Moines, Ia.; Minneapolis, Mrs. F. F. Lindsay, 25 Seymour Avenue, Saint Paul, Minn.; Topeka, Miss E. M. Watson, 1701 Seventeenth Street, Lincoln,

Neb.; Pacific, Mrs. S. F. Johnson, 5 Ford Place, Pasadena, Cal.; Columbia River, Mrs. A. N. Fisher, 214 Twelfth Street, Portland, Ore.

Reference Committee.—The president and the branch corresponding secretaries constitute the Reference Committee, to whom all cases of emergency, arising in the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, must be submitted through the chairman, Mrs. Cyrus D. Foss, 2043 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The secretary of this committee is Miss E. M. Watson, Lincoln, Neb.

Home Statistics—The auxiliary societies number 5,996, with 158,111 members; young people's organizations, 1,343, with 36,383 members; King's Heralds organizations, 1,183, with 25,420 members; Little Light Bearers, 13,749.

German Work.—In this department of the work there are 429 auxiliaries, with 9,106 members; young people's societies, 47, with 1,153 members; and King's Heralds organizations, 37, with 893 members. Miss Louise C. Rothweiler, 1190 Mozart Street, Columbus, O., is the efficient secretary of the German work.

Scandinavian Work.—Mrs. Hannah Henschen, 2830 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Ill., is the secretary of this department. She reports 97 auxiliaries, with 2,700 members. The receipts for the year were $4,473.42.

Young People.—Miss Winifred Spaulding, who has spent a year and a half as a missionary in the Philippines, is secretary of the young people and Standard Bearers. She is entirely fitted for this position by her experience in the work. Her address will be Deaconess Training School, Wesley Avenue, Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison continues as the successful leader of the Children's Work. Her address is Los Angeles, California. The King's Heralds and Little Light Bearers now number 36,169. 202 new organizations of the Little Light Bearers have been formed during the last year.

Missionaries and Their Fields.—There are now 316 missionaries working in India, Malaysia, China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Africa, Italy, Bulgaria, South America, Mexico, Switzerland, Germany and Norway. Twenty-two have gone out during this last year and thirteen are under appointment, soon to go. How do our missionaries work? Through day schools, and boarding schools, orphanages and training schools, Sunday schools and churches, hospitals and dispensaries, zenana visiting, and in every possible way that a soul may be reached.

Folts Mission Institute, Herkimer, N. Y.—This training school prepares women for work either in the foreign or home field. It is the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the only training school in America under the management of this Society. The grade of work done is of the highest order and the course of study is particularly adapted to college women. The curriculum includes English Bible, Psychology, Religious Pedagogy, Comparative Religion, Sociology, Church History, and History of Missions, Elocution, Domestic Arts and Science, Music, Physical Culture, Bookkeeping and Practical

Field Work. There is a thorough two years' course in Kindergarten, with observation and practice teaching in a kindergarten under the direction of the kindergarten training teacher. More than forty representatives of the school are now at work in the great mission fields. Others labor in the different parts of the home field, including Unalaska and the Philippines. The Institute has received many foreign students from the various mission schools and has trained them for greater usefulness in their own lands. The great need at the present time is an endowment to carry on the work that is increasing in scope and usefulness each year. *President*, Miss. Ida V. Jontz.

General Office.—A long felt need has been met in the establishment of a general office at Room 611, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Miss Elizabeth Bender is the General Secretary, who will assist outgoing missionaries and welcome incoming ones, send away missionary boxes, keep a list of the home addresses of missionaries, and attend to all similar matters.

Committee on Real Estate in Foreign Lands.—This committee, consisting of Mrs. W. B. Davis, Clifton, Cincinnati, O., and Mrs. C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, reports progress in its investigations, and is continued for another year.

Editors.—Woman's Missionary Friend, Miss Elizabeth C. Northup, 77 Crescent Street, Waltham, Mass.; Der Frauen Missions Freund, Miss A. M. Achard, P. O. Box 96, Roselle, Ill.; Children's Missionary Friend, Mrs. O. W. Scott, Newton Upper Falls, Mass.; The Study, Mrs. Mary Isham, University Place, Neb. Editor of Literature, Miss E. C. Northup; Publisher, Miss Pauline J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

Periodicals.—The Woman's Missionary Friend has a circulation of 24,657; an increase of 1,030, and the bright editor, Miss E. C. Northup, is aiming to reach 30,000 this year. Neither are the children forgotten in our publications. The Children's Missionary Friend has a circulation of 32,785. 247 pictures of Little Light Bearers who have become life members have been printed in the paper during this last year, and 110 are waiting to appear. Der Frauen Missions Freund, edited by A. M. Achard, has a circulation of 4,510. The Study, edited by Mrs. Mary Isham, which is devoted entirely to the consideration of the united study subject, has a subscription list of 35,644. Our Committee on Missionary Literature has published this last year 4,983,320 pages; 1,717,000 pages of children's literature have been published. 20,158 copies of Christus Redemptor, the Mission Study book for last year, were sold.

The power of the press is also called into use in far off heathen lands. The Zenana paper, published in five languages—Hindu, Urdu, Bengali, Marathi and Tamil is bringing sunshine into many heathen homes. The copies are eagerly read by men and boys as well as by women. In Japan the Tokiwa stands as a monument to the industry and perseverance of Miss Georgiana Baucus, and has a circulation of 11,400.

Literature Committee.—Mrs. J. H. Knowles, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York; Mrs. L. T. M. Slocum, Kenilworth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Lulu Heacock, Pacific Grove, Cal.

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delphia, Pa.; *Secretary*, Mrs. C. W. Barnes, Delaware, O.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Cornell, 560 West Twenty-sixth Street, New York.

Changes.—Mrs. Carrie W. Joyce, for six years Corresponding Secretary of the Minneapolis Branch, has been called to her heavenly home, and has been succeeded in this office by Mrs. F. F. Lindsay, of Saint Paul, Minn.

Deaths.—Five of our workers have been translated during the last year: Mrs. Carrie W. Joyce, corresponding secretary of the Minneapolis Branch; Mrs. Mary Porter Gamewell, formerly of Pekin, China; Miss Lois Buck, missionary in India; Miss S. M. Stumpf of India, and Dr. Mary B. Tuttle, also of India.

The General Executive Committee meeting of 1908 will be held within the bounds of the Cincinnati Branch.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Cincinnati in 1880, and consequently completed its twenty-seventh year in 1907. In these twenty-seven years it has accumulated a million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of property, consisting of industrial homes and schools for girls, children's homes, training schools for missionaries and deaconesses, deaconess homes, and hospitals.

Support.—The work of the Society is supported by an annual membership fee of one dollar each for the woman's auxiliary societies, fifty cents each for the young woman's organizations, and twenty-five cents each for the children's mission bands; together with such additional gifts as women interested in the success and growth of the work are moved to make, such as thank offerings, mite-box collections, etc. These added gifts, together with bequests and annuities, aggregate each year more than twice the annual membership fees.

Finances.—In 1904–5 the Society began the raising of a special offering of $200,000 in celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary, and therefore called the "Silver Offering." Since that date its income has been steadily increasing notwithstanding the effort for this special gift. The cash receipts from the Conferences (that is, exclusive of annuities, bequests, endowments, and the "Silver Offering") in 1904–5 was $162,565.14. In 1905–6 it was $172,899.58, exclusive of "Silver Offering," an increase of $10,334.44. In the year just closed, 1906–7, the treasurer received $185,707.51, an increase over the previous year of $12,807.93. Besides this, the treasury has received the past year $16,398.75 of annuities and bequests, $36,504.98 "Silver Offering" and vouchers for money expended which did not go through the treasury for $119,271.59, a total of $357,882.83. Added to this $53,000 has been contributed to the supply department for frontier preachers and for the pupils in our schools and homes. There has been paid on "Silver Offering" $150,000.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.—The Woman's Home Missionary Society is happy in the cordial relations existing

between it and the "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension." The field being the same the work of the two Boards must of necessity hold an intimate relation, and it is the earnest wish of the Woman's Society that they may be mutually helpful.

The Field.—There is a growing and urgent demand in the Home Field, as the Church must help to solve the great problems now before the American people if they are to be solved in the highest interest of the Nation and of the World. The race problem, the Mormon problem, the immigrant, the temperance, and the city problems are all allied, and if a solution of the difficulties confronting the Nation and threatening even its life is to be of permanent value, it must be based on the golden rule of which the Church is the best exponent that the world has. To this solution the Woman's Home Missionary Society is trying to contribute to its influence and its means. It addresses itself to the women and children, expecting thereby to make better wives and mothers as well as better homes for the depressed classes.

The Workers.—More than one hundred missionaries and two hundred and fifty deaconesses are at the front representing "a great company" of Methodist women who stand behind them with moral and financial support. The Society has two field workers among the young people, and seven organizers of auxiliary societies and representatives of the work among the women of the Church.

Membership.—Number of adult members 91,444. Circle members 19,426. Home Guards 6,919. Jewels 19,575.

Literature.—The periodicals of the Society are Woman's Home Missions and Children's Home Missions, the subscription price of the former being thirty-five cents and of the latter twenty cents. Ten copies or more of Children's Home Missions will be sent to one person at the rate of ten cents each. An interdenominational Home Mission Study Course has been established by the Woman's Societies of the various denominations. Five of these text-books have now been prepared, viz., Under Our Flag, The Burden of the City, Indian and Spanish Neighbors, The Incoming Millions, and Citizens of Tomorrow.

A large body of leaflet literature is circulated each year giving information and inspiration. Editor Woman's and Children's Home Missions, Miss Martha Van Marter, New York. Publisher Woman's and Children's Home Missions, Miss Mary Belle Evans, New York.

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BUREAU FOR IMMIGRATION WORK.—W. H. M. S.

THE Secretary of the Bureau for Immigration reports a year full of activity in the Philadelphia, New York and East Boston stations. Never before has this question of immigration been so vital or so prominent in the eyes of our country and while the workers on the Atlantic Coast are busy, those on the Pacific Coast are none the less so.

Philadelphia.—Miss Amanda Ford, deaconess in charge of this station, last year met 43 ships, bearing 25,406 passengers, distributed 9,672 Bibles, 1,123 papers and books, and 100 toys to the children. Add to this her efforts in saving souls, makes a full record for one year.

New York Immigrant Home, 9 State Street.—Since 1888 the hospitable doors of this Home have opened to welcome the "stranger". The tireless Missionary for the Home last year met 978 ships, 1,123,842 passengers, cared for 4,436 in the Home, served 17,509 meals, sent 638 girls to friends, secured situations for 108. Many boxes of clothing, gifts from various parts of the country, were distributed among the new comers, Miss Alma E. Mathews, Missionary.

East Boston Home, 72 and 74 Marginal Street.—Once a saloon, now a Haven of Refuge where last year 1409 were housed from 96 ships, lodgings given 4,035, number of women cared for 589, children 165, girls sent to friends 118, tracts and leaflets distributed 2,664, garments 993. This Home has an Annex at Charlestown where the same kind of work is carried on. Mrs. A. C. Clark, Superintendent.

CITY MISSION HOMES

Hull Street Settlement, 36 Hull Street, Boston.—Here a clinic is conducted, showing last year 11,018 patients as having been cared for, 391 operations. Here is also a Training School for Nurses from which three young women were graduated last May. Industrial and musical classes are held, Sunday school and Gospel meetings. Miss Harriette Cooke, for nearly fourteen years the faithful superintendent, resigned her place last year to Mrs. Ada T. Wells.

Glenn Industrial Home, 641 W. 4th Street, Cincinnati, O.—For sixteen years the center of live interest and faithful work on the part of the seven workers, carrying on three missions. The Boarding department in the Home is popular at all times, the two Sunday schools, one at Riverside and the other in the down town district, also the sewing, cooking and other industrial classes, the three Kindergartens, the Mothers' Meetings, Missionary Auxiliaries, Circle and

Band, Cheerful Workers and Boys' Camp, all well attended and tending to righteousness. Mothers' Jewels Band, where 100 copies of Children's Home Missions are circulated, flowers distributed to sick, clothing supplied to the needy, many well filled baskets distributed, 211 Bibles and thousands of papers and magazines. In coöperation with the Juvenile Court is the Superintendent and working often in connection with other charities, coming into close touch with the lives of those needing an uplift. Many souls were converted and children baptized last year. New opportunities constantly present themselves and Cincinnati offers a wide field for action along these upbuilding lines. Mrs. I. D. Jones, *Chairman.*

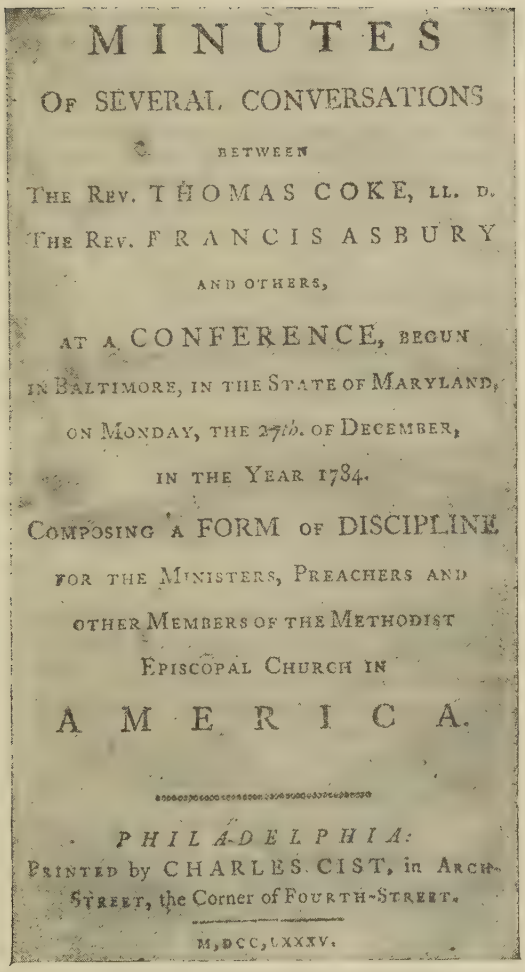
Elizabeth E. Marcy Industrial Home, 134 Newberry Avenue, Chicago, Ill.—This Home has spent much time and thought in planning for the accommodation of every man, woman and child who desires to enter it. And, with 85,000 souls in the ninth and tenth wards and over twenty languages spoken and with six public schools averaging 1,800 each within five blocks, besides the many parochial schools, and still hundreds of children on the street, no quarter in any city needs a social Christian settlement more than on the corner of Newberry Avenue and Maxwell Street. The resident workers with the Rev. C. J. Hewitt as superintendent have carried forward the work most satisfactorily. We have received special encouragement in the Sunday school. One young Bohemian girl is at Fisk Training School at Kansas City, and two young men are studying for the ministry. Early in the year a Bible study class was organized and continued during the winter. The Epworth League continues to do good work. The Junior League has been more prosperous than ever during the past year. A Mothers' Jewels Band with about one hundred children and Home Guards with forty children was organized during the year. In February a church was organized known as the Newberry Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church with fifty members. The Dispensary has outgrown its quarters, a large number have been turned away every Wednesday and Saturday, being compelled to close the door at 4 P. M. From September 1, 1905, to September 1, 1906, 3,294 patients have been treated. We are justly proud of the Kindergarten with its fifty-five bright little faces. A Mothers' Meeting has been largely attended. In Gymnasium Work six classes have been carried on each week for the boys and three classes for the girls. The Sewing and Cooking schools have done fine work. The Supply Department has received and distributed 3,984 garments and received many indispensable things necessary to the comforts of the Home. *Chairman Committee,* Mrs. Wilmot H. Emerson.

Tillman Avenue Mission, Detroit, Mich.—This is purely a Christian Settlement work, two deaconesses living in the Mission building. This is the first deaconess mission of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, being opened in 1887, and was the second deaconess institution started in our Church. The Mission has a large Sunday school, gospel service Sabbath evening, kindergarten every morning and also a kitchen garden. Besides, it has a free reading room. It holds a sewing school on Saturday, and has a Boys' and Girls' Club. The ages of the children range from four to fourteen. In the Sabbath school and Church services all ages are represented from the young children to old men and women. In the Clubs, Bible Study and Parliamentary Law are given, also manual training for the boys and basketry for the girls.

OFFICIAL BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

Owing to the fact that two methods of reporting the benevolent collections were in force in 1907 we are unable to present in detail comparisons between the collections for 1906 and 1907, excepting in those that were not involved in the consolidation plan which was adopted by the Fall Conferences of 1907. The aggregate sum of collections in 1907 was $3,613,456, as against $3,532,769 in 1906, increase $80,687. Conferences held late in November and in December are taken from 1906.

1907	Missons							S. S. Union				Education			Home Missions and Church Ext.		Education, F. A., and S. S.	
					W. H. M. S.													
	Church	Sunday School	Special Gifts	Woman's Foreign	Cash	Supplies	Church Extension	Church	Sunday School	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid, etc.	Public Collection	Childrens' Fund	American Bible Society	Church	Special Gifts	Church	Special Gifts
Spring Conferences	$391,364	$273,683	$75,931	$170,687	$133,332	$25,357	$69,954	$10,797	$3,336	$10,180	$5,812	$154,548	$33,897	$18,499	$....	$....	$....	$.....
Fall Conferences	496,629	253,622	161,369	389,985	209,042	29,833	.....	..	.	..	.	175,235	53,866	20,338	367,641	33,631	83,455	9,123
Total	887,993	527,305	237,301	560,672	342,374	55,190	69,954	10,797	3,336	10,180	5,812	229,783	87,763	38,837	367,641	33,631	83,455	9,123
1906	.....	537,911	181,057	544,438	347,639	63,268	...	...		....	...	188,491	73,462	40,074	.....	....	.	....
Increase	.....	.....	56,244	16,234	.....	.....	. .	...		.	.	41,292	14,301	...	.. .			....
Decrease	.....	10,606	.....	.....	5,255	8,078	....	. .	.	.	.		.	1,237	.....	...	...	....



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INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Thoroughly furnished unto all good work—2 Timothy 3. 17.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Epworth League was organized in Cleveland, O., May 15, 1889. The first meeting of the Board of Control was held in Chicago, Ill., in February, 1890. The publication of the Epworth Herald was authorized by the Book Committee in February, 1890. It now has a circulation of over 135,000. The League was officially recognized by the General Conference of 1892. The first International Epworth League Convention was held in Cleveland, O., in 1893. These conventions are held biennially, and have occurred in Cleveland, Chattanooga, Toronto, Indianapolis, San Francisco, Detroit, and Denver. The League has a record of constantly increasing usefulness.

Growth.—The number of Senior Chapters in the League about equals the number of pastoral charges in the church, the charges without chapters being just about offset by those circuits that have more than one chapter. The Junior Chapters represent just about one half of the pastoral charges and have recently rapidly increased in number. During the past year 543 charters were issued to Senior Chapters and 418 to Junior Chapters.

Purpose.—The purpose of the League is twofold: promoting intelligent and vital piety among the young people of our church and congregations, and training them in works of mercy and help. Therefore the work and methods of the Epworth League are evangelistic and educational.

Evangelization.—Childhood is naturally religious and the little ones belong to God. The ideal state before our Junior League is to provide methods by which the children may be successfully reared up in the church. It is constantly approaching this ideal, and it is now capable of being made by intelligent use second in value to no other agency of the church. Youth is by nature the appropriate time for settling the great questions of life. Nearly all conversions take place before passing the early years of our Senior membership; therefore constant and great emphasis is placed upon the evangelistic work in the League. This movement is taking a deep and rapidly widening hold upon the Epworth League and there is a gratifying growth in the evangelistic activity and spiritual life of our Epworthians.

Educational.—The League is the training school of the church. It is the place where, if at all, our young people must attain symmetry and intensity of Christian character and intelligent effectiveness in Christian service. What they become and what they become capable of doing throughout a lifetime of service is obviously of immensely

greater importance than what they may actually do during the short formative period. Therefore it is the purpose that in the various activities of the League the emphasis shall be upon the training rather than upon the doing, although the best training must include the doing. The work of saving souls must produce and multiply personal evangelists; money-raising must enlist and train Christian stewards; and so all the work of the chapter, by letting what its members do follow and improve upon what they are, will find its overwhelming value in the character given to their lifework.

Bible Study.—This popular course has achieved surprising success. The entire cycle of studies, covering the whole Bible, has been completed and the books first issued have been revised. The features of the course are being constantly improved and the Bible study classes are rapidly increasing in numbers and interest. The enrollment last year was 10,938, a gain of 3,774, or more than 50 per cent.

The Morning Watch.—This continues to be a leading factor in the development of the spiritual life of the Epworthians. On the first Sunday of the new year the regular devotional meetings of the local chapters are given to the subject of the Morning Watch. During the last year 4,053 names were added to the enrollment.

The Fellow Workers' Covenant.—This enrollment was introduced in 1905 for the enlistment and training of the Epworthians in the work of personal evangelism. The declaration reads as follows: "I wish to be enrolled as one who by persistent personal effort will seek to bring at least five persons to Christ within one year." During the past year 5,101 have been enrolled. Most gracious results have been reported, and an encouraging number of chapters now witness conversions as no unusual feature of their devotional services.

Personal Evangelism.—This movement is rapidly gaining ground and receiving more attention throughout the League. Year before last more than 5,000 enrolled under the Fellow Workers' Covenant. It has not been possible since to represent the progress of this work statistically because of the overlapping of the work promoted from the central office with that carried on by the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, but there is no doubt of its wider extension and increasing interest. A text book, "Letters on Personal Evangelism," by President E. H. Hughes of De Pauw University, is provided for personal study or for the use of training classes. The literature and supplies of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism are also used.

Christian Stewardship.—Christian Stewardship is to be recognized as an important interest committed to the care of the Second Department. It alone can assure adequate and permanent support to the enterprises of the church and must, therefore, receive increased attention. A valuable study course is provided with helps for leaders of classes. The increase in enrollment last year was 1,050, a gain in the increase of more than 50 per cent. over the previous year.

General Progress.—In many ways that cannot be indicated by statistics the League is making a splendid record. There is an increasing demand for helpful literature. The League is contributing generously to the citizenship that is the hope of our nation. A general conformity in electing officers in the spring and other current modifications in organization and method will insure greater efficiency.

The Southern Field.—The work of the League in our Colored Conferences is constantly expanding notwithstanding conditions which place formidable difficulties in the way of the circulation of literature and of the extension of the Bible and mission study. Some of the best work of the League is being accomplished in the Freedmen's Aid schools and colleges. The Southern work is training a large and loyal army for a great future service.

Mission Study.—Mission Study has had a phenomenal growth and has attained a permanent and prominent place in the work of the League. Valuable new courses in Home and Foreign Missions are issued each year. Classes are enrolled with the Young People's Missionary Department, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Leaflets descriptive of the work may be secured either there or from the central office. The enrollment last year was 22,684, a gain of 2,317.

The Epworth League Institute.—The Institute method for training League workers has been growing in favor for several years. During the summer of 1906 an Epworth League Institute was held under the direction of the central office at Des Plaines, Ill. Every form of League activity received attention and some of the ablest men and women of the church were employed. The Institute received the enthusiastic approval of all who were associated with it as an unqualified success. Out of this Institute, a demand developed that resulted in three Institutes during the summer of 1907, with an enrollment of more than 800. At these Institutes 29 young men offered themselves for the ministry, 42 young people dedicated themselves for work in Foreign Mission fields and 33 young women volunteered for Deaconess work. Practically the whole remaining body dedicated themselves for active spiritual service at their homes. The permanent, as well as the immediate results of these Institutes are invaluable. Movements are now on looking toward securing such Institutes under the management of the Central Office in a large number of localities widely distributed through the church. The Institute must occupy an important place in the future work of the League.

Board of Control.—As elected for the present quadrennium it is composed of the following members:

President, Bishop J. F. Berry, D.D.; *Advisory Members*, Rev. Franklin Hamilton, Boston, Mass.; M. S. Daniels, Esq., Newark, N. J.; Rev. Ward Platt, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. J. Ellis Bell, D.D., Altoona, Pa.; J. R. Clark, Esq., Cincinnati, O.; W. B. Mathews, Esq., Charleston, W. Va.; L. J. Price, Esq., South Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. C. F. Reisner, D.D., Denver, Colo.; B. L. Paine, M.D., Lincoln, Neb.; Rev. J. W. Frizzelle, D.D., Watseka, Ill.; Rev. E. B. Rawls, D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.; R. S. Copeland, M.D., Ann Arbor, Mich.; H. A. Schroetter, Esq., Covington, Ky.; Rev. Thomas Filben, D.D., Pacific Grove, Cal.; *Editor of the Epworth Herald*, Rev. Stephen J. Herben, D.D., Chicago, Ill.; *General Secretary*, Rev. Edwin M. Randall, D.D., Chicago, Ill.; *German Assistant Secretary*, Rev. Frederick Munz, D.D., Cincinnati, O.; *Assistant Secretary for Colored Conferences*, Rev. I. Garland Penn, Atlanta, Ga.

The central office of the Epworth League is at 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

This body was first authorized by the General Conference of 1892. The General Conference of 1900 enacted a new chapter in the Discipline thoroughly revising the law relating to the Senate, increasing its power, and giving some specific directions at certain points. The Senate under the new law "shall determine, and at least quadrennially revise, the minimum equivalent of academic work to be required for admission to the baccalaureate degrees in the educational institutions of our church. The curricula thus determined shall provide for the historical and literary study of the Bible in the vernacular." The Senate has the power to investigate the scholastic requirements and methods of any designated institution claiming to be under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Education shall thereafter classify such institution in accordance with the report of the University Senate. The Senate, as appointed by the General Conference of 1904, is by districts as follows:

At Large.—J. R. Day. General Conference District, No. I.—W. E. Huntington. No. II.—B. P. Raymond. No. III.—W. H. Crawford. No. IV.—J. F. Goucher. No. V.—R. T. Stevenson. No. VI.—John H. Race. No. VII.—J. M. Cox. No. VIII.—H. A. Buchtel. No. IX.—J. W. Hancher. No. X.—T. F. Holgate. No. XI.—E. H. Hughes. No. XII.—G. H. Bridgman. No. XIII.—J. L. Nuelsen. No. XIV.—G. F. Bovard. *President*, J. R. Day.

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The genesis of the American University was the desire expressed by George Washington, in a letter to Governor Brooke, of Virginia (the original letter, now the choicest possession of the University), and by will, that a National University be established in the capital of the country. The Roman Catholics were the first to attempt the realization of Washington's dream, and right royally have they builded. Bishop Hurst, for American Protestantism, laid strongly the foundations of the American University. He was succeeded by Bishop McCabe, who, after four years of heroic toil in its behalf, passed on, in December (1906) to his reward. The trustees of the University, in May (1907) put the helm in the hands of Franklin Hamilton, Ph.D., in his election to the chancellorship.

The site, of ninety-two acres, is confessedly unsurpassed. The University had the full recognition of the General Conference. The Bishops unanimously appealed to the Church in its behalf. It had the approval of the Board of Control of the Epworth League. Many gifts, bequests and pledges have been made all based on the fact that Methodism is committed to its completion. It is to stand exclusively for post-graduate work, which renders rivalry with existing institutions impossible. It is to be the crown to the educational system of a great Church and through it, of all Protestantism. The growth up to the present and the accumulation of $2,000,000 in assets in view of all the circumstances, is one of the marvels of the educational world.

McKinley Memorial Ohio College of Government.—This massive marble building, which a year ago was reported in process of erection, is just completed under the present contract and is under roof at a cost of $155,000. It is one of the most impressive buildings in Washington. More than $100,000 will be needed to finish and furnish the interior. This work will be pushed at once, and, with the building completed, there will be ample accommodations in the two buildings now erected to open the institution for work, which is the set purpose of its officers and trustees, when the endowment, which is growing, shall justify.

Library and Museum.—These are constantly growing against the time they will be needed for use. With the vast accumulations of the government in every line of research, at its doors, the necessity will never be upon the American University to provide such things, as is upon other institutions of like character elsewhere. The library has 15,000 volumes and is constantly being increased by rich gifts. The museums have many objects of fascinating interest and priceless worth. The Museum of Religions has been greatly enriched by recent gifts.

Improvements at Site.—These are numerous and render possible the beginning of work. Earlier opening would not have been possible—sewerage has just been installed. During the year electric lights have been placed on beautiful Nebraska Avenue, along the entire eastern frontage of the campus. Water-mains underlie the same avenue, with connections to both buildings. Congress appropriated $40,000 for the extension of Massachusetts Avenue to the site, giving direct approach from the heart of the city. The many shade trees recently planted show a vigorous growth and add much charm to the natural beauty of the site.

The University Courier.—The organ of the University is issued quarterly and will be sent to any address for 25 cents a year. For any information address The American University, 1419 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Officers of the American University.—*Chancellor*, Franklin Hamilton, Ph.D.; *Vice-Chancellor*, Bishop A. W. Wilson, D.D., LL.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. Wilbur L. Davidson, D.D.; *Financial Secretary*, Rev. J. A. Gutteridge, D.D.; *Registrar*, Rev. Albert Osborn, B.D.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITALS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN CHINA

THROUGH the courtesy of Bishop J. W. Bashford, we are enabled to present the following summary of our hospitals and educational institutions in China at the beginning of 1907. We suspect that to a majority of our people the information will be a revelation.

STATISTICS OF METHODIST HOSPITALS, 1906—PARENT BOARD

Name of Institution	Hospital In Patients	Out Calls	Operations	Country Itinerating Visits	Dispensary Patients	Total Dispensary Treatm'ts	Total Treatments
Alden Speare, Memorial, Yenping, J. L. Skinner, M.D. (Partial year—just opened)	....	....	....	....	....	3,790	....
Kucheng Hospital, Thomas H. Coole, M.D.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hopkins' Memorial Hospital, Peking, M. S. Hopkins, M.D., G. D. Lowry, M.D.	235	....	....	1,200	4,645	25,038	....
Martyrs' Memorial Hospital, Changli, J. L. Keeler, M.D.	100	....	412	360	2,000	....	27,000
Taian Medical Work, Taianfu, Charles F. Ensign, M.D.	54	....	216	....	1,098	2,742	....
Philander Smith Memorial, Nanking, Christia W. Hall, Acting Superintendent	....	....	....	....	9,062	14,785	....
Wuhu General Hospital, Wuhu, Edgerton H. Hart, M.D.	529	626	370	..	3,512	7,298	8,453
Nanchang Medical Work, Nanchangfu, M. R. Charles, M.D. (New work)	....	....	....	....	1,091	2,000	....
Chentu Hospital, Chentu, H. L. Canright, M.D.	118	53	....	..	4,408	16,991	....
Chungking General Hospital, Chunking, J. H. McCartney, M.D.	722	568	574	1,235	....	14,048	....

WOMAN'S BOARD

Name of Institution	Hospital In Patients	Out Calls	Operations	Country Itinerating Visits	Dispensary Patients	Total Dispensary Treatm'ts
Woolston Memorial Hospital, Foochow, Hu King Eng, M.D.	681	828	....	....	....	19,800
Ling An Hospital, Foochow	....	....	....	....	....	3,956
Ngu-Cheng Hospital, Ngu-Cheng, Li Bi Cui, M.D.	150	143	....	....	....	2,905
Doctor Sites Memorial Good Shepherd Hospital, Mingchiang, Mary E. Carleton, M.D.	112	395	....	....	....	3,354
Margaret Eliza Nast Memorial, Singiu, Emma Betow, M.D.	180	218	....	....	862	4,231
Sleeper Davis Memorial, Peking, Anna D. Gloss, M.D.	159	295	....	....	2,734	10,300
Isabella Fisher Hospital, Tientsin, M. I. Stevenson, M.D.	83	529	....	....	....	7,151
Shantung Medical Work, Taianfu, Sue L. Koons, M.D.	24	85	....	....	....	2,815
Chinkiang Woman's Hospital, Chinkiang, Lucy H. Hoag, M.D., Gertrude Taft, M.D.	105	103	....	....	2,422	5,018
Elizabeth Skelton Danforth Memorial Hospital, Kiukiang, Mary Stone, M.D.	159	239	....	....	5,111	10,786
Nanchang Medical Work for Women, Nanchang fu, Ida Kahn, M.D.	....	173	....	....	....	5,531
Gamble Memorial Hospital for Women, Chunking, Agnes M. Edmunds, M.D., Mary Ketring, M.D.	240	377	287	5,174	....	5,840
Changli Medical Work for Women, Changli, Ida N. Terry, M.D.	18	13	....	838	....	973

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS OF METHODIST CHURCH FOR CHINA, 1906 —INSTITUTIONS FOR WOMEN

Name of Institution	Location	President	Number of Students	Value of Property
Peking Girls' Boarding School	Peking	Charlotte Jewell	197	40,000
Changli Girls' School	Changli	(Work combined with Peking temporarily)	....	.....
Taian Girls' School	Taianfu	Rachel Benn	58	.....
Foochow Seminary	Foochow	Phoebe Parkinson	36	.....
Foochow Boarding School	Foochow	Julia Bonafield	170	.....
Ngucheng Boarding School	Ngucheng	Mabel Allen	60	.....
Kucheng Boarding School	Kucheng	Grace B. Travis	96	.....
Mingchiang Boarding School	Mingchiang	Isabelle Longstreet	36	.....
Yenping Boarding School	Yenping	Mabel C. Hartford	24	.....
Hamilton Boarding School	Hinghua	Lizzie W. Varney	63	.....
Isabel Hart Boarding School	Singiu	Martha Nicolaisen	64	.....
Chinkiang Girls' School	Chinkiang	Grace A. Crooks	70	.....
Nanking Girls' School	Nanking	Ella C. Shaw	90	.....
Mulberry Grove Academy	Kiuking	Clara E. Merrill	88	.....
Stephen L. Baldwin Memorial	Nanchang	Kate L. Ogborn	60	.....
Chungking Girls' School	Chungking	Dorothy Jones	40	.....
C. E. Thompson Memorial Woman's Training School	Changli	Ella E. Glover	31	.....
Peking Training School	Peking	Maria Davis	15	.....
Tientsin Training School	Tientsin	Frances Wilson	14	.....
Taian Training School	Taian	Frances Verity	10	.....
Foochow Training School	Foochow	Carrie I. Jewell	24	.....
Ngucheng Training School	Ngucheng	Carrie M. Bartlett	25	.....
Kucheng Training School	Kucheng	Frieda Lorenz	23	.....
Mingchiang Training School	Mingchiang	Mary Peters	18	.....
Yenping Training School	Yenping	Alice Linam	....	.....
Frieda Knoechel Women's School	Singiu	J. E. M. Lebeus	23	.....
Juliet Turner Women's Training School	Hinghua	Minnie E. Wilson	40	.....
Nanking Training School	Nanking	Sarah Peters	25	.....

Day schools in addition.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—COLLEGES

Name of Institution	Location	President	Number of Students	Cost of Property
Peking University	Peking	H. H. Lowry, D.D	453	$40,000
Anglo-Chinese College	Foochow	John Gowdy	341	25,000
Nanking University	Nanking	George A. Stuart, M.D	240	35,000
William Nast College	Kiukiang	C. F. Kupfer, Ph. D	142	25,000
Chentu College	Chentu	Joseph Beech	60	8,000

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

S. L. Baldwin School of Theology	Foochow	W. A. Main	50	5,000
Fowler School of Theology	Nanking	H. F. Rowe	8	5,000
Wiley School of Theology	Peking	.....	.....	.....
Hinghua Biblical Training School	Hinghua	W. N. Brewster	48	1,700
Chungking Biblical Training Sch'l	Chungking	Q. A. Myers	30	.....

BOARDING AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Tientsin Intermediate School	Tientsin	Burton St. John	50	.....
Tsunhua Intermediate School	Tsunhua	.....	59	.....
Lanchou Intermediate School	Lanchou	.....	59	.....
Shanhaikwan Intermediate School	Shanhaikwan	.....	60	.....
Taian Boarding School	Taianfu	P. O. Hanson	70	.....
Schell-Cooper Academy	Kucheng	Mrs. J. H. Worley	35	1,500
Minchiang Boarding School	Mingchiang	J. H. Worley	22	.....
Sites Memorial Academy	Yenping	C. S. Champness	13	3,000
Ngucheng Boarding School	Ngucheng	.....	63	.....
Anglo-Chinese High School	Hinghua	Ulric Jones	141	.....
Hardy Training School	Ingchung	H. G. Dildine	28	.....
Chungking Institute	Chungking	Q. A. Myers	71	.....

BIBLICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS

Chungking Biblical Training Sch'l	Chungking	Q. A. Myers	30	.....
Hardy Biblical School	Inchung	H. G. Dildine	3	.....
Foochow Normal School	Foochow	George S. Miner	23	3,100

In addition, there are upward of five thousand students in Day Schools.

THE CHINA CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

THE China Centennial Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city, was formed following the action of the Board of Bishops at its session October 24 29, 1906, and the Missionary Committee at its annual meeting November 1–5, 1906, in adopting unanimously the following:

Whereas, The centennial of Protestant missions in China will be celebrated in Shanghai April 25 to May 6, 1907; and unparalleled opportunities now confront the Christian Church in the Chinese empire, therefore, Resolved, first, that we request every pastor in Methodism to present to our people during the Centennial year, in consonance

with the entire Protestant Christian world, the remarkable facts relating to the readiness of the Chinese at the present time for the gospel; second, that we urgently request all our people, *in addition to the regular contributions to Foreign Missions*, to make a Special Thank Offering aggregating at least $300,000 as an expression of our gratitude to God for opening the door of this great empire and as an aid to our church in China in meeting one of the greatest opportunities for the triumph of the gospel and the service of mankind ever presented to the church of Christ; and third, that a Commission be appointed with full power to take entire charge of all matters relating to the Centennial Thank Offering and Celebration. Members of the Commission: Bishop J. W. Bashford, resident at Shanghai, China; Bishop C. H. Fowler, Bishop C. D. Foss, Bishop J. F. Berry, Bishop H. Spellmeyer, J. M. Buckley, W. V. Kelley, J. F. Goucher, H. H. Lowry, H. K. Carroll, John R. Mott, D. S. Gray, J. E. Leaycraft, T. D. Collins, J. M. Barker; *Executive Secretary*, Frank D. Gamewell; *Treasurer*, Homer Eaton; *Office Secretary*, Ralph W. Keeler.

The watchword of the commission has been A Special Centennial Gift by Methodism of $300,000: as a thank-offering to God for the awakening of the empire; as a preparation to meet the matchless opportunities.

THE CHINA CENTENARY CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI

The China Centenary Conference held in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Robert Morrison, China's first Protestant missionary, was held in Martyrs' Memorial Hall, in the new building of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, Shanghai, China, April 25 to May 6, 1907. It was a body of 103 veterans and 304 specially delegated missionaries, with about the same number of visitors. About 25 of the veterans had seen forty years of active service and from their experience great unity and harmony prevailed. The questions discussed were Church Unity, The Chinese Ministry, Christian Education, Evangelization, Woman's Work, Christian Literature, Ancestral Worship, Medical Work, Bible Translation, Comity and Federation, and The Missionary and Public Questions. Great wisdom characterized the decisions reached. The viceroy of Liangkiang Provinces, his Excellency Tuan Fang, sent his representative, Taotai Tong, to bid the guests welcome to China. The Methodist Episcopal Church was represented by Bishops Bashford, Cranston, Foss and Harris; Doctors Leonard and Goucher, and S. Earl Taylor.

CHURCH INSURANCE

The following is taken from the eighth annual report of the Board of Insurance:

During the year 1906, the fire insurance companies of the world lost far more money than during any other one year since the business of fire insurance began. When something like a full account was received of the terrible disaster which in a few hours turned San Francisco from a gay and prosperous city to a wretched mass of shattered buildings, ash heaps and choked-up streets, it was supposed as a matter of course that very few fire insurance companies that were

doing business on the Coast would be able to pay their losses, to say nothing of continuing in business.

Fortunately ours was not largely involved, although it will interest you to know, in view of the fact that some people have preferred stock company policies to ours, that we made the first adjustment and settlement of any company after the fire and even before Mother Earth had quieted down, paying the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church the full amount of their policy, $4,500. Expecting that we would have a number of losses in the Coast towns, our adjuster was promptly sent to Oakland, with authority, in view of the unusual conditions prevailing, to draw on the Home Office without the usual preliminaries, if necessary, to alleviate suffering—some of our policies being on homes and contents. It was found, however, that the earthquake and the succeeding fire had cost us only $5,500 and the adjuster's expenses. This favorable result was mainly due to the fact that our management was familiar with the inflammable character of most of the buildings in San Francisco and felt that the stock companies had permitted local rates to settle beyond the safety point. While a conflagration was not expected to result from an earthquake, it should have been evident to any insurance manager going from the outside, that conditions were ripe for a big fire at almost any time. This incident reinforces in a most emphatic way the claim we have made while building up our business—that our company is conflagration proof, and, leaving out of consideration the more helpful terms extended to our churches, our policies are much more desirable for those who are entitled to them than those of the average old line company, for it takes unusual self-control and good judgment on the part of managers to avoid taking on dangerous liability in one locality.

Our losses for the year aggregated $55,219.29 as compared with $86,482.69 during the previous year, when lightning losses were phenomenal. We are still paying out altogether more money for losses than ought to be necessary. The attention of our people is frequently called to the fact that most fires could be prevented by the exercise of proper care. If all the inspections requested were thoroughly made a large amount of Methodist money which now goes up in smoke each year would be saved for further use. Usually we meet with prompt compliance when we request that an inspection be made, but in some instances official members seem to forget that our organization cannot restore destroyed values, but merely collects from a large number of Methodist churches and preachers the funds necessary for re-imbursing in part those who have suffered loss by fire or windstorm.

While our lightning losses, 73 in number, were less than the previous year, when there were 86, Methodism pays dearly for her tall spires and for the too frequent neglect to equip the buildings with lightning rods. It is encouraging to note that church architects are more and more modifying their plans so as to avoid the very tall spires without the sacrificing of beauty. We cannot too strongly urge the importance of equipping all high points with well-grounded lightning rods.

The hot air furnace continues to be a constant menace. Too much care cannot be exercised in keeping the furnace and all smoke pipes at least two feet away from the nearest wood-work, and thoroughly protecting the wood by asbestos. Every furnace, stove, chimney and pipe should be frequently and thoroughly inspected, for the best of them are likely to make trouble at any time.

Our total business is now $29,287,204.00, of which $25,391,668.00 is Fire and $3,895,536.00 is Tornado insurance. In 1906 the total amount of expired and canceled policies was $5,825,387.00, and the total amount of 4,478 new policies written aggregated $8,356,078.00, giving us a net increase of $2,530,691.00.

An examination of the following statement showing our financial condition will disclose the fact that the notes representing the deferred premiums, which are left in the hands of our policy holders until needed, amount to $262,433.00. During our early days doubt was expressed by some as to whether such notes given by the official boards and pastors would be a good asset, and it, therefore, affords us much pleasure to call your attention to the fact that the premiums over ninety days past due and unpaid, including the first cash payments on new policies as well as the installments on notes, amounted to only $214.29. As our cash premium receipts were considerably over $100,000.00 last year it will be seen that any question as to the value of these notes is an undeserved reflection upon the character of the makers. The secretary and treasurer of this company and all employees handling money or securities are and have for several years been under bonds issued by leading surety companies.

Financial Statement, December 31, 1906

RESOURCES

Cash on hand and in Bank		$14,082 53
First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	$3,200 00	
Accrued Interest thereon	44 00	3,244 00
Consumers Gas Co., Chicago, 1st mtg. 5's	$5,000 00	
Commonwealth Electric Co., Chicago, 1st mtg. 5's	5,000 00	
Missouri Edison Electric Co., St. Louis, 1st mtg. 5's	5,000 00	
Union Electric Light and Power Co., St. Louis, 1st mtg. 5's	5,000 00	
Pere Marquette R. R. Co., 1st mtg. 4½'s	5,000 00	
Des Moines City R. R. Co., Ia., 1st mtg. 5's	5,000 00	
Indiana Ry. Co., 1st mtg. 5's	4,000 00	
Village of Lake Bluff, Ill., Imp. 5's	2,500 00	
Market value of said bonds over above fig	177 50	
Interest accrued thereon	500 00	37,177 50
Cash Premiums in course of collection on new policies		1,526 02
Note Premiums in course of collection		2,180 77
Sundry Accounts Receivable		237 91
		$58,448 73
Less Premiums over 90 days due		214 29
Net Cash Assets (admitted by Ill. Ins. Dept.)		$58,234 44
Premium Notes not due		262,433 00
Total Assets as admitted by Ill. Ins. Dept		$320,667 44
Furniture and Fixtures (carried inside)		3,413 14
Total Assets		$324,080 58

LIABILITIES

Losses due and unpaid			None
Losses in process of settlement, including estimate on all reported; less reinsurance			$8,624 70
Sundry Accounts Payable			4,424 05
Unpaid Dividends			1,790 59
Reserve			34,063 16
Surplus:			
Cash	$9,331 94		
Notes	262,433 00	$271,764 94	
Accounts carried inside		3,413 14	275,178 08
			$324.080 58
Total losses since organization			$278,808 13
Total Business			$29,287,204 00

Statement of Risks, Premiums and Losses Since Incorporation, to December 31, 1906

INSURANCE WRITTEN

Total amount of policies in force Dec. 31, 1906	$29,287,204 00
Reinsured in Stock Companies	8,774,764 00
Net	$20,512,440 00

PREMIUM ACCOUNT

First Year's Cash Premiums	$193,299 17
Notes for Deferred Payments	692,599 49
Total	$885,898 66

LOSSES INCURRED

FIRE:		
Churches and contents	$192,975 94	
Dwellings, Barns and contents	38,824 27	
Educational Bldgs. and contents	29,468 70	
Other	956 49	
		$262,225 40
TORNADO:		
Churches and contents	$15,990 48	
Dwellings, Barns and contents	383 25	
Educational Bldgs. and contents	209 00	$16,582 73
Total since Organization		$278,808 13
Received from Reinsurance Companies		57,710 65
Net		$221,097 48

Board (Elected by the General Conference of 1804)

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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

As a means for federating the churches of every name with the Temperance Societies and other organizations opposed to the beverage liquor traffic and concentrating their forces against the common enemy, the interdenominational and "omni-partisan" Anti-Saloon League has been welcomed by Methodists throughout the land. Our ministers and laymen have from the beginning been called to many of its leading offices, and have filled them as worthy successors of John Wesley, who was a century in advance of his age as an opponent of *its* "poisoners general" and desired "a League" such as is now open to all who favor the suppression of the saloon.

The A. S. L. movement began, organically, with the organization of the A. S. L. of the District of Columbia, at Washington, D. C., June 23, 1893. Of this pioneer league, Samuel H. Walker, a layman of Waugh Church, Washington, D. C., was president the first six months, and was succeeded by Luther B. Wilson, now one of our bishops, who served two years and was followed by the present incumbent, James L. Ewin, a layman of Foundry Church. The National League, now styled the A. S. L. of America, was organized at the National Capital, December 18, 1895, at a delegated convention brought about mainly through the efforts of Bishop Wilson and the D. C. League of which he was then president. Dr. A. J. Kynett encouraged the attempt, and, as chairman of the then Permanent Committee on Temperance and Prohibition of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was one of the signers of the call for the Convention at which the National League was organized. Its first National officers included four Methodists: Hiram Price, president; Luther B. Wilson, first vice-president; James L. Ewin, secretary, and A. J. Kynett, chairman of the Federative "Board of Direction."

The Ohio State League, organized in September, 1893, by Dr. Howard H. Russell, and the Leagues in many other states have demonstrated on a large scale the possibilities of inter-partisan political effort according to the principles and methods which distinguish the movement. Prior to 1893 more or less effective state organizations against the liquor traffic existed under other names in many of the states. The oldest of these, the Connecticut Temperance Union, and some others without change of name are affiliating with the State Leagues in the National work and conforming their methods more and more to those of the League. In Maryland and Pennsylvania the older names and methods were abandoned in favor of the new. In still other states kindred organizations have since been formed under other names. Including such affiliated bodies of other names, there were 42 State Leagues in operation at the date of the Twelfth National Anti-Saloon Convention, September, 1907. With reference to the

limitations of the League, Dr. P. A. Baker (general superintendent), has said:

"The object of the League is the ultimate extinction of the liquor traffic. It does 'the possible good' while pressing on to what is yet the 'impossible best.' It has no permissive feature in its creed. It stands for prohibition for every foot of territory that existing public sentiment will capture and keep. To this end it bolts conventions, puts principle above party, and absolutely refuses to quarrel with any individual or agent that hates the liquor traffic."

Officers: (1907–1909) *President*, Bishop L. B. Wilson (Methodist Episcopal); *Vice Presidents*, Bishop G. M. Mathews (United Brethren), Father James M. Cleary (Roman Catholic), Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D. (Reformed), Bishop J. W. Hamilton (Methodist Episcopal), Rev. Frederick D. Power, LL.D. (Disciples), Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D.D. (Baptist), Judge Charles A. Pollock (Methodist Episcopal), Rev. Washington Gladden, D.D. (Congregational), Rev. William L. McEwan, D.D. (Presbyterian), Rev. J. C. Barr, D.D. (Southern Presbyterian), Bishop H. C. Morrison (Methodist Episcopal Church South), Bishop William N. McVickar (Protestant Episcopal); *General Superintendent*, Rev. Purley A. Baker, D.D. (Methodist Episcopal); *Recording Secretary and Secretary of Headquarters Committee*, Rev. S. E. Nicholson (Friends); *Corresponding Secretary*, Mr. James L. Ewin (Methodist Episcopal); *Treasurer*, Mr. Foster Copeland (Presbyterian); *Assistant General Superintendent*, Rev. G. W. Young, D.D. (Methodist Episcopal Church, South); *Chairman Headquarters Committee*, Rev. Howard H. Russell, D.D. (Congregational); *President Board of Trustees*, Rev. Brooks Lawrence (Presbyterian).

CROWELL MEMORIAL HOME FOR SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS AND DEACONESSES, BLAIR, NEB.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Nebraska has deep cause for gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crowell, Sr., for the gift of their beautiful home at Blair, Nebraska, as a Home for Superannuated Preachers and Deaconesses. This gift is made to the four Conferences in the State and is capable of yielding large returns in the comfort it offers to our worthy veterans, who have helped to make our Methodism one of the strongest churches in the State.

The Home is beautifully situated on a slight eminence in the western part of the city. The property consists of eleven and one half acres of land divided between a most beautiful landscape garden, a fruit orchard, vegetable garden and pasture; a three story, eighteen room house with all modern conveniences; and a fine barn and other outbuildings to match. The property cost the donors fully $75,000.00 and is given to us outright. Although it has been but a few months since the deed passed to the trustees and the Home opened, applications for admission to the Home as residents are coming in and it is confidently expected that, by the time this is in print, a number of persons will have taken up their residence in the Home. The Superintendent has met with most flattering success wherever he has presented the interests of the Home. Steps have already been taken

toward securing a comfortable endowment fund that will enlarge the usefulness of the Institution. A clause in the Articles of Incorporation permits of the admission of aged lay Methodists on conditions satisfactory to the trustees, until such a time as the capacity of the Home shall be needed for Conference Claimants.

The Executive Committee count themselves fortunate in having secured a Deaconess Matron in the person of Miss Harriet N. Allen, of Monticello, Iowa. Miss Allen has assumed the duties of matron with promise of great usefulness. The other officers of the Home are:

CROWELL MEMORIAL HOME

Superintendent, Rev. John Crews; *Chairman Executive Committee*, Rev. William Gorst, D.D., Omaha; *Treasurer*, Dr. C. R. Mead, Blair; *Secretary Executive Committee*, Rev. John Grant Shick, Blair, Neb.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

In a couple of instances we have failed to receive revised reports of these societies and are compelled to use records from the Year Book for 1907. Two new societies have been organized, and yet there is room.

American.—"The American Methodist Historical Society." Chartered March 3, 1886. The awful fire of February 7 and 8, 1904, de-

stroyed the book depository located at 118 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md., where the rooms were located, and the valuable library of books, manuscripts, etc., with few exceptions, went up in the flames. It was a serious loss. The headquarters of the Society is now at the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md. *President*, J. F. Goucher, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. L. E. Bennett, New Windsor, Md.; *Recording Secretary and Librarian*, Rev. F. G. Porter, 2908 Parkwood Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; *Treasurer*, D. H. Carroll, D.D.

California Conference.—The Historical Society of the California Conference was organized in 1874, and while it has not been very vigorous, it has secured much valuable historical data. Among its collection are Conference Minutes, "Fifty Years of Methodism" by Dr. Charles V. Anthony, manuscript sermons, the diary of "Father" Isaac Owen, some bound volumes of the California Christian Advocate, jubilee church year books, some Presiding Elders' reports, the beginnings of a library, clippings of historical items, etc. Officers: *President*, W. R. Gober; *Vice-President*, A. S. Gibbons; *Treasurer*, Wesley Dennett; *Curator*, W. T. Mayne; *Additional Members*, C. V. Anthony, J. H. N. Williams.

Central New York.—The accumulations of this Society are quite extensive. These embrace a large number of manuscript records of Annual, District, and Quarterly Conferences, and of district meetings and local churches; likewise ordination parchments, class books, and stewards' books. There are numerous and valued relics, such as several articles from the first church edifice erected in the state of New York west of Albany. There are a number of old Disciplines and song books. *President*, J. E. Rhodes, Syracuse, N. Y.; *Vice-Presidents*, the presiding elders; *Secretary*, Rev. B. W. Hamilton; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. B. Foote, D.D.; *Treasurer*, Rev. M. J. Wells; *Archivist* and *Librarian*, W. Y. Foote; *Executive Committee*, J. F. Pease, F. E. Bacon, J. B. Brooks, H. B. Andrews, E. Nottingham, M. P. Blakeslee, D. Keppel, W. E. Brown, C. C. Wilbor.

Central Pennsylvania.—Organization, under adopted constitution, effected in 1877. Possesses many valuable papers and relics of the Fathers, church records, files of Minutes, official papers. Has large room in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. *President*, B. F. Stevens; *Vice-President*, S. C. Swallow; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, H. L. Jacobs, Altoona, Pa.; *Librarian*, James Hunter, Williamsport, Pa.

Cincinnati Conference.—This Society was organized in 1895 under the leadership of Dr. Asbury Lowrey. All members of the Conference are members of the Society. There are twenty-seven honorary members who have contributed valuable historical documents or books to the Society. The Society has a depository in the fireproof vaults of the Western Methodist Book Concern. The officers and directors of the Society are as follows: *President*, Rev. F. G. Mitchell, D.D.; *Vice-President*, Rev. Charles L. Conger; *Secretary*, Rev. W. H. Wehrly, Troy, O.; *Treasurer*, Rev. Charles H. Haines; *Custodian*, Rev. V. F. Brown, Dayton, O.; *Other Directors*, Rev. D. J. Starr, D.D., Rev. George Vorhis, Rev. A. B. Austin.

Colorado Conference.—The Historical Society of Colorado Confer-

ence was organized at the Conference session held in Leadville in 1881 at the suggestion of Dr. David H. Moore, who was elected first president, with Peter Winne, and L. W. Waterbury, Treasurer. The Society has a small library, consisting of the published works of some of the early pioneers, files of the Conference Minutes, and some personal records of members of the Conference. The possession of the above-mentioned works of our pioneers gives a fairly clear record of the early days. Some of us propose the Conference shall take more notice of this Society and aid it in its work. *President*, Rev. J. H. Merritt, D.D.; *Vice-President*, Rev. B. T. Vincent, D.D.; *Secretary*, F. W. Ireland; *Treasurer*, Joseph C. Shattuck.

Erie Conference.—So early as 1853 Conference action was taken looking to the preservation of historically valuable matter, and "in 1857 a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of organizing an Historical Society." In 1860 also Conference action was taken, but no material would seem to be left as the result of these efforts. "Perhaps the twenty-five cents membership fee placed it beyond the resources of the ministers of the time." The present Erie Conference Historical Society was organized in 1885, Dr. A. J. Merchant being its first president. Its headquarters are in Meadville, Pa. In the library building of Allegheny College a special room has been dedicated by the trustees for the exclusive use of the Society in depositing documents and papers collected by it. *President*, Rev. W. P. Graham, Mercer, Pa.; *Vice-Presidents*, Rev. W. K. Crosby, Clarion, Pa.; Rev. T. J. Hamilton, Rouseville, Pa.; Rev. O. H. Sibley, Conneaut Lake, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Blaisdell, Brockwayville, Pa.; Rev. J. M. Bray, Westfield, N. Y.; Rev. H. G. Dodds, Meadville, Pa.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, Oil City, Pa.; *Secretary*, Rev. C. W. Miner, Punxsutawney, Pa.; *Treasurer*, R. C. Smith, Girard, Pa.; *Custodian*, Pastor of the First Church, Meadville, Pa.

German Methodist Historical Society.—This Society was organized in 1900 with headquarters in Cincinnati. Every German Conference in the United States and Europe has representation. The museum of the Society contains a great many articles from pioneers of German Methodism, Dr. William Nast, Dr. L. S. Jacoby, Dr. L. Nippert, Dr. C. H. Doerring, Rev. John Swahlen, and others. New articles of interest are constantly added to the treasures of the museum. Every book the Methodist Episcopal Church has published in the German language can be found in the library of the Society. It has a complete set of Der Christliche Apologete, from the first edition in 1839 to the present, and also a full set of Haus und Herd, which has been published since 1871. A full set of the German Discipline can be found in the library and all the books and papers which have been published at the Methodist Book Concern in Bremen and Zuerich. The museum contains manuscripts, photographs, letters, and articles of all kinds and description, also a full set of Conference Minutes. The Nast Album contains about forty different photographs and pictures of the founder of German Methodism, Dr. William Nast. Four of the German Conferences have now published a history of their respective Conferences, containing sketches of the pastors and their portraits, pictures of all the institutions and churches within the boundary of the Conference, and other valuable information. Other Conferences are following their example, and it is expected

that the material for the history of German Methodism will soon be at hand. Officers: *President*, Rev. J. H. Horst; *Secretary*, Rev. C. B. Koch; *Treasurer*, T. Heinemann; *Historian*, Rev. C. Golder; *Librarian*, Rev. John Braun. Any interested party should write to Rev. C. Golder, care of Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, O.

Methodist Historical Society of Nebraska.—This Society was organized in 1901, all the Conferences of the state joining in the organization. The headquarters were established at University Place, Neb., and a section of the fire-proof vault in the Nebraska Wesleyan University has been assigned for the preservation of valuable documents. *President*, Hiram Burch; *Vice-Presidents*, Nebraska Conference, P. C. Johnson; North Nebraska Conference, E. T. George; West Nebraska Conference, Joseph Buckley; Northwest Nebraska Conference, A. R. Julian; *Recording Secretary*, A. C. Crossthwaite; *Corresponding Secretary* and *Custodian*, D. Marquette; *Treasurer*, F. M. Esterbrook; *Executive Committee*, John Gallagher, O. R. Beebe, and A. L. Johnson.

The Historical Society of the City of New York.—This Society, which was originally incorporated in 1892, has been reincorporated. Instead of being governed as heretofore by a Board of Managers, every member is made eligible to participation and vote in its quarterly and annual meetings. Among the treasures of the Society at the headquarters, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city, are the original records of the old John Street Society, from which Dr. Wakeley compiled his last chapters, and the records of some fifteen other early churches in New York city and Brooklyn; the saddlebags of Freeborn Garrettson; a large number of photographs of early Methodist leaders, including the Goss and Carlton collections; a nearly complete set of the Disciplines; and a large collection of local church printed matter. The Society also has a comprehensive reference library. The officers of the Society, elected at the annual meeting, October 24, 1905, are: *President*, Rev. J. M. Buckley; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Rev. George Adams; *Vice-Presidents*, New York Conference, Fields Hermance; New York East, A. B. Sanford; Newark, H. A. Buttz; East German, Swedish, Delaware, to be elected; *Historian*, John F. Dodd; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. R. Joy; *Library Committee*, S. G. Ayers, J. R. Joy. Initiation fee, $1; annual dues, $1.

New England Methodist Historical Society.—Organized in 1880. It seeks to encourage the writing of church histories and biographical sketches of ministers and leading laymen and women of the church. It encourages the preservation of all local church and biographical notices of our churches and men, to collect and make available all such material in its library, to celebrate all anniversary occasions in our beloved Methodism, with well-prepared sketches of the causes celebrated. We believe our work is so very valuable that it should be preserved for the instruction and inspiration of coming generations. It urges therefore the collection and preservation of all historic details with which to enrich subsequent chapters of Methodist history. During the year our accommodations have been increased; we have made an effort to complete our files of Conference Minutes and other periodicals and to make easily available to the student all these treasures. During the past year we have received 510 volumes, 1,344 pamphlets, 1,933 papers, 1 portrait, 4 manuscripts, and a relic, a violin

made from lumber taken from the old Beach Hill Church in Granville, Mass., where Bishop Asbury presided over the third Conference in New England in 1798. Our library contains 4,160 volumes, and many thousand pamphlets, and nearly all our church papers and other leading periodicals are in our reading room. Its location is Room 4, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.; *President*, Rev. Lewis B. Bates, D.D., East Boston, Mass.; *Vice-Presidents*, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D.D., LL.D., Auburndale, Mass.; Rev. Ammi S. Ladd, D.D., Ogunquit, Me.; Rev. Daniel C. Knowles, D.D., Tilden, N. H.; Hon. W. P. Dillingham, Waterbury, Vt.; Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury, Ridgefield, Conn.; Rev. Micah J. Talbot, Providence, R. I.; Rev. George F. Durgin, Boston, Mass.; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. William H. Meredith, Litt.D., Saxonville, Mass.; *Historiographer*, Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D.D., Cherry Valley, Mass.; *Treasurer* and *Librarian*, Rev. George Whitaker, D.D., 877 Saratoga Street, East Boston, Mass.

Northern New York Conference.—The Northern New York Historical Association was organized April 16, 1873, with the following officers: Dr. I. S. Bingham, President; Rev. R. Flint, Vice-President; Rev. Fred Widmer, Secretary; J. F. Moffett, Treasurer. The object was, "to collect and to preserve such records, reminiscences and mementoes that may be obtainable, as are connected with the rise and progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Central and Northern New York, and to promote and disseminate a knowledge of Methodist History by means of lectures, essays, public meetings, published transactions and such other methods as may seem best adapted to that end." Anniversaries of the society are usually held at each annual Conference, with addresses and reminiscences. Documents and historical relics are placed in charge of the Custodian, Rev. S. Call, 759 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. The other officers are: *President*, Rev. Harlow Skeel; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Rev. C. E. Dorr, Ogdensburg, N. Y., R. F. D.; *Custodian*, Rev. Samuel Call, Syracuse, N. Y.

Ohio.—The "Ohio Historical Society," located at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., is "without change in purpose and possessions." The "Western Methodist Historical Society" was organized in 1839. Twenty years later, in 1859, it was merged into the "Ohio Historical Society," formed at Delaware, O., and the university became the custodian of its possessions. The Ohio Conferences have sought to secure the history of their individual charges, and to place the results in the keeping of the Society. Besides these sketches, there have been collected a great number of bound volumes of the church papers and magazines, many historical and semicentennial addresses, pamphlets, and carefully prepared reminiscences, which are of great and increasing value. *Librarian*, Professor R. B. Miller, Ph.D.; *Secretary*, Professor W. F. Whitlock, D.D., Delaware, O

Ohio Conference.—We are without a report from this Society for the current year. The society was organized in 1884, since which time diligent effort has been put forth to gather the memorials of Ohio Methodism. The results have not been encouraging. In fact, the Society seems to be to all intents and purposes in a moribund condition. A letter from Rev. T. G. Dickinson, London, O., under date of October 3, 1904, says: "I fear the Society died with Brother Miller." *President*, Rev. J. T. Miller; *Vice-President*, Rev. A. C. Kelley; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Rev. W. C. Holliday, Columbus, O.

Philadelphia Conference.—This Historical Society was organized April 22, 1867. The first meeting was held May 3 following, and shortly thereafter articles of incorporation were secured under the title of "The Historical Society of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The Society has 1,000 volumes relating to Methodist History, 500 volumes of periodicals, reports of 150 local churches, 400 portraits and relics, a miscellaneous library of 1,000 volumes and a large number of valuable pamphlets. Regular meetings are held monthly. Fifteen ministers and eighteen laymen constitute the Board of Directors, one third being chosen yearly. Officers are elected at the April meeting. The headquarters of the Society are at 1018 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. *President*, John Walton; *Treasurer*, John I. McConnell; *Recording Secretary* and *Librarian*, Rev. S. G. Grove, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. C. Hudson.

Troy Conference.—This Society was organized in 1867, and has become one of the most valuable institutions of the Conference. The Rev. Bostwick Hawley, D.D., its president from 1867 to 1900, gave careful attention to its affairs, and contributed much to its success. The Rev. Samuel McKean, D.D., president from 1900 to the present time and vice-president under Dr. Hawley, has been active in behalf of its interests. Its archives are in the chapel of State Street Church, Troy, N. Y., the officers of this church having generously furnished a commodious room for this purpose. The deposits include the General Minutes, General Conference Journals, Minutes of Troy Conference, Disciplines, biographies, autobiographies, histories of churches, church records, sermons, essays, periodicals, ordination parchments of the pioneer preachers, portraits, views of churches and literary institutions, curios, and historic relics, all of which are catalogued and accessible for ready reference. The annual meeting is held in Troy on the first Monday morning of March, and the semi-annual meeting in Albany on the first Monday morning of October. At these meetings historical and biographical papers are read. Officers: *President*, Samuel McKean, D.D., Troy, N. Y.; *Vice-President*, Rev. C. L. Hall, Cohoes, N. Y.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. J. Clark Simmons, Troy, N. Y.; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. J. H. Clark, Cohoes, N. Y.; *Treasurer*, Rev. E. C. Farwell, Waterford, N. Y.; *Custodian*, T. A. Griffin, D.D., Troy, N. Y.

Wyoming Conference.—This prosperous Society has nothing new to report. Among its cherished relics are the following: Saddle, Bible, hymnal of J. Hartwell; valise of G. Blakeslee; ordination parchments of C. L. Rice; General Minutes of 1811 and 1860, by S. F. Wright; General Minutes of 1798–1804, by H. C. McDermott; Wyoming Conference group, by George Comfort; Discipline of 1845, by I. C. Estes; Conference picture, 1901, by M. B. Foster; books and Methodist Magazines, 1818–28, of King Elwell, by J. C. Leacock; South's Sermons, by P. F. Mead; communication from Theodore Roosevelt concerning W. H. Olin, D.D., by M. S. Hard; photograph of house in Salem, Pa., where Asbury preached, by E. A. Quimby; love-feast tickets, by T. Harroun. Six bound volumes of Wyoming Conference Minutes, covering fifty years, together with four years of the old Oneida Conference, were received as the gift of Rev. C. V. Arnold. The headquarters of the Society are at Nelson Memorial Hall, Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. *President*, M. S. Hard, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, A. W.

Hays, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, C. M. Surdam; *Treasurer*, H. H. Wilbur; *Librarian*, Professor L. L. Sprague, D.D.; *Archivist*, W. L. Thorpe.

Wyoming Mission.—For upward of ten years Rev. J. H. Gillespie, preacher in charge of our church at Basin, Wyo., has been serving as President of the Wyoming Mission Historical Society. He is a member of the Saint Louis Conference. President Gillespie informs us that he has "more or less complete historical sketches of 15 pastoral charges in Wyoming Mission, giving in the main the very early history, such as the date of organization, when and by whom the churches and parsonages were built, and many other items of interest," etc. Brother Gillespie is rendering the Church most excellent service, and the future historian of Methodism will bless him and his work.

CLARK MEMORIAL HOME FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

THIS Home is a new departure for the care of our superannuates. If not the only institution of its kind in the Methodist Episcopal Church, it may fairly be claimed that it is the one first established.

The magnificent property, situated in the best residence portion of the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., and valued at $50,000, is the gift of Mr. M. J. Clark and wife for the benefit of the Conference Claimants of Michigan Conference. The three-story mansion and twenty acres of excellent land constitute an almost ideal home for superannuates. The *initial* year has been a very prosperous one. We have 11 inmates, besides Superintendent, Matron, and other help. Two cottages and a chapel are in process of erection at an expense of about $15,000, Mr. Clark, the donor of the property, bears a large share of this expense. A beautiful park of five acres has been laid out and is being improved. The institution is very popular; applications are in already far beyond our capacity to accommodate. The plan of cottage buildings and enlargement of the Home proper makes possible expansion beyond all our needs. The generous donors have under consideration plans for parking grounds, building chapel, and other extensive improvements, which, when complete, will make the Clark Memorial Home for Superannuates not only first in point of time, but first in point of equipment for many years to come. Although primarily a home for Conference Claimants, the charter provides for the admission of lay members of the Methodist Episcopal Church when circumstances admit of it. An endowment sufficient to supplement such payments as the claimants can make for their maintenance has been commenced, and will be pushed to a conclusion as rapidly as possible. Officers: *Agent*, Rev. James Hamilton, field secretary of Michigan Conference, Grand Rapids, Mich.; *Superintendent*, Rev. J. P. Durham, Grand Rapids, Mich.

OPEN DOOR EMERGENCY COMMISSION

THE Board of Bishops, at their semi-annual meeting in 1901, originated this movement and recommended it to the General Missionary Committee. This Committee, approv-

ing the action of the Bishops, referred the matter to the Board of Managers, which appointed a Commission of twelve members and also field secretaries to work under the direction of the Commission.

The work of the Commission during the past year has been carried on by (1) Missionary Sermons and Addresses; (2) State, Inter-Conference, District Conventions, and Local Rallies; (3) Exhibits; (4) Preparation and Circulation of Literature.

Especial emphasis is being placed upon District Campaigns. This has proved an excellent method for following up the interest aroused in the large conventions both of last year and the present season.

Missionary Exhibit.—The Missionary Exhibit is one of the most valuable and effective agencies in the field. It deals with the curios from various countries only incidentally, the great purpose being to bring before our constituency the facilities we have to offer in carrying forward an aggressive missionary campaign.

Under the care of Rev. George Milton Fowles the Exhibit has been greatly enlarged and its educational value much increased during the past year.

The Commission at present is composed of the following: Bishop E. G. Andrews, Chairman; F. D. Gamewell, Executive Secretary; Bishop C. H. Fowler, A. B. Leonard, H. K. Carroll, Homer Eaton, J. M. Buckley, J. R. Mott, C. S. Wing, F. M. North, G. P. Eckman, S. O. Benton, J. W. Pearsall.

The work in the field is carried on by means of assistant secretaries, field secretaries and special workers. The men composing this force are: H. C. Stuntz, J. C. Floyd, J. B. Trimble, G. G. Logan, F. H. Sheets, G. B. Smythe, and the executive secretary, F. D. Gamewell.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS

It is always a joy to us to note the multiplication and enlargement of these philanthropic institutions.

Central Wesleyan Orphan Asylum, Warrenton, Mo.—Founded in 1864; owns a farm of 360 acres, partly worked by the boys. Value of property, $46,500, no debt. Has cared for 447 inmates. Number of inmates, 95. English and German are taught. Receipts last year, $8,937.07; expenses for household, $8,034.90; paid for building and repairs, $1,300.00. Trustees, 15—Saint Louis German Conference, 8; West German, 4; Northern German, Northwest German, and Southern German, 1 each. Miss Emma Schlabach has charge of the Kindergarten Department. We have quite a number of small children who attend the kindergarten. As we depend mainly upon the good will of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we should be very thankful for any gift toward this good cause. *President*, Rev. J. G. Leist; *Secretary*, Rev. Henry Schlueter; *Superintendent*, Rev. F. H. Wippermann, Warrenton, Mo.; *Treasurer*, H. H. Jacoby; *Teachers*, Miss Louise Voshall, Miss Lulu Thee, and Miss Emma Schlabach.

Chaddock Boys' Home and School, Quincy, Ill.—Chaddock College in 1900 was changed to a preparatory school for boys under the management of deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The in-

stitution furnishes a Christian home and school for boys outside the Roman Church. Twenty-two workers are engaged, nine of them being deaconesses. Military and manual training are special features of the school. There was an attendance last year of 135 from eighteen different states. The institution is prosperous and growing in popular favor. The officers of the Executive Committee are: *President*, Rev. G. W. Flagg; *Secretary*, H. B. Dines; *Treasurer*, W. T. Dwire; *Superintendent* and *Deaconess in Charge*, Miss Eleanor Tobie.

Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage, Urbana, Ill.—Judge J. O. Cunningham and wife gave this beautiful Home and fifteen acres of ground to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used as a Deaconess Home and Orphanage. It has just closed its twelfth year of successful work. During this time six rooms have been added to the building, and the Orphanage is now in need of more room. The Home has accommodation for about fifty children. Two deaconesses, including the school teacher and kindergartner, are in charge of the children; the older girls are taught to sew and to do all kinds of housework. The boys help the farmer and are taught to be useful. The children attend church and Sunday school; a weekly prayer meeting and a Junior League are held, which bear fruits in the conversion of many of the children, who become earnest Christians and unite with the church. Ninety-two children have been cared for this year; 10 have been placed in homes; present number, 50. Several improvements have been made during the past year, and others are necessary. An increased water supply is an urgent need. *Chairman of Board of Managers*, Mrs. A. W. Conklin; *Superintendent*, William A. Davis; *Matron*, Mary S. Davis.

Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Hulton, Pa.—This Home was presented, April 24, 1903, to the Incorporated Woman's Home Missionary Society by Miss Belle Bradley, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, and Mrs. Edward H. Utley, as a memorial to their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bradley, of Pittsburg, Pa. The Home is valued at $25,000; connected with it is seven acres of fertile land. The donors refitted and furnished the house in a complete and substantial way and gave it into the control of the Woman's Home Missionary Society with an unencumbered title, upon the one condition that an endowment fund of $15,000 be raised before the Home should be opened. This was secured and the Home was formally opened and dedicated on May 29, 1905. The management of the Home is in the hands of a Board of twenty-six managers, consisting of six ministers, elected by the Pittsburg Annual Conference, four laymen, sixteen women, elected by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Home accommodates at present twenty-two children between the ages of four and eight years, and is maintained at a cost of about five thousand dollars per year. Nearly one thousand of this amount is provided for by the income from the endowment fund, and the remaining four thousand is secured by the contributions of the managers and the funds solicited by them throughout the churches and auxiliaries of the Conference. Several children in the Home have guardians or friends who contribute in a small way toward their support. The children are nearly all old enough to attend the day school and a Sabbath school of the Methodist Episcopal church nearby. They are in charge of a matron, who attends to their physical wants and gives them religious instruction as well. A competent physician is responsible for the health of the children,

examining them carefully before they are admitted. It has been the object of the donors to make this a *real* home and as unlike an institution as it is possible to make it. *President*, Daniel Dorchester, Jr., D.D.; *Vice-President*, A. M. Schoyer; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. R. W. Beatty, 1214 Wood Street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Frederick McKee; *Treasurer*, W. S. Horner, Room 1112, Frick Building, Pittsburg, Pa.; *Superintendent*, Mrs. George Eyster.

Five Points Mission.—This Mission, pioneer of its kind, is located at 63 Park Street, New York city. It was organized in May, 1850, by the New York Ladies' Home Missionary Society, and is now known as the Five Points Mission, "Old Brewery," New York. It was incorporated in 1856. Its principal work is the education and care of extremely poor children. Its beneficiaries number more than 60,000 children, representing many nationalities. On the site of the "Old Brewery" the second Mission Building was erected in 1894 at a cost of $130,000. The wisdom of placing a mortgage of $35,000 on the building has been proven by the fact that every room is now in use. Of this mortgage, $15,000 have been paid, reducing it to $20,000. In addition to the day school, with an average attendance last year of 461, there are regular church and Sunday school services, Epworth League, Junior League, and, during the week, a kindergarten, sewing school, boys' club, girls' club, dressmaking class, chair-caning, hammock and basket-making classes, also classes in millinery and dressmaking, shoemaking and cooking. Besides there are illustrated lectures by the Board of Education, and classes to instruct adult Italians in English. The shoe, fresh-air and dinner clubs are most important features. With the change in population, an Italian work under the auspices of the New York City Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized ten years ago and has grown to large proportions. There are a regular Italian minister and deaconess, with a membership of over 150. This church maintains regular Sunday services, prayer meeting, mothers' meeting, and various departments of a successful, well-organized church. The total cash expenditure of last year was $22,985.31. Large contributions of clothing, produce, etc., which are constantly needed, are received from time to time. The Board of Managers is elected annually from the Methodist Episcopal churches of New York and vicinity. The teachers of the school represent several religious denominations. *President*, Mrs. F. Holsten, 686 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn; *Treasurer*, Mrs. W. H. Rogers, 225 West Twenty-second Street, New York city; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. L. H. Kane; *Financial Agent*, Rev. E. H. Todd; *Superintendent*, Rev. F. J. Belcher, D.D., 63 Park Street, New York city.

Fred Finch Orphanage, Diamond, Cal.—Incorporated September 28, 1891. Is now caring for 150 children. A hospital and kindergarten render the work of caring for these wards especially efficient. The Home is equipped with horses, dairy, poultry yards, orchard, vegetable and flower gardens, laundry and wood yard, where the boys are trained in all these branches, while the girls learn housekeeping, sewing, etc. Twelve acres of land belongs to the Orphanage. Value of the property, $30,000. The officers are the same as those of the San Francisco Methodist Orphanage, each institution having its own Board of Directors. *President*, H. B. Heacock, D.D.; *Vice-President*, J. F. Forderer; *Secretary*, E. R. Dille, D.D.; *Treasurer*, I. J. Truman.

German Methodist Orphan Asylum, Berea, O.—This Home celebrated this year its forty-third anniversary; it is under the special supervision of the Central German Conference, and controlled by a Board of Trustees and Visiting Committees appointed by the several patronizing German Conferences; 607 orphans and half orphans, coming from German Methodist congregations, have been educated and otherwise cared for; 105 were in the Home when the year closed in June. A number have gone out in places and homes for useful occupations; others came in to fill the vacant places. The Home is a beautiful three-story structure, besides basement and attic, built of Berea sandstone in cross form, giving sunlight and best of ventilation to every room. It has 45 acres of good land, on which all needed vegetables are raised, and healthy exercise is furnished for boys between school hours. Estimated worth, $100,000, free of debt. Endowment fund, $40,000. It is supported by free-will gifts from congregations and individuals. On the east side of the Home a Manual Training School is being erected by Mrs. Mary A. Ott, of Louisville, Ky., in memory of her departed husband and daughter. A power house also. The outfit in these buildings is the latest and up to date, and is a great help for educating and training the children for the present time. It has three departments—manual training, gymnasium, and swimming pool. The dimensions are 72 x 54 feet and 75 feet high. *President of the Board of Trustees*, Rev. John J. Keller, Chicago, Ill.; *Vice-President*, Rev. Henry Jend, Pittsburg, Pa.; *Secretary*, Rev. John H. Horst, Covington, Ky.; *Treasurer*, W. A. R. Bruehl, Covington, Ky.; *Superintendent*, Rev. George Kaletsch, Berea, O.; *Matron*, Mrs. Selma S. Kaletsch; *Teacher*, Miss Elma Unnewehr.

Kelso Home, Baltimore, Md.—This Home was established and incorporated in 1873, being the gift of the late Thomas Kelso. Value of the property, $50,000; endowment, $85,000. Only orphan girls of the Methodist Episcopal Church are received. Number of girls in the Home, 46. The institution is in charge of a superintendent, a sewing teacher, and a housekeeper. The children attend the public school until sixteen years of age, and are then given manual training until eighteen years of age, when they leave the Home. The work of the institution is attracting widespread attention by reason of the careful and effective training given the girls. There is a pressing need for a larger endowment to take care of the orphaned ones knocking at our door. It is situated in Forest Park, in the suburbs of Baltimore, amid the best surroundings. *Trustees*, James E. Hooper, Edwin Bennett, W. A. Leitch, Walter Kirwan, A. Roszell Cathcart, James E. Ingram, C. M. Hoult; *President*, James E. Hooper; *Secretary*, W. A. Leitch; *Treasurer*, Walter Kirwan.

Methodist Deaconess Orphanage, Lake Bluff, Ill.—Six buildings are now in use; three buildings, the gift of Mrs. Mary Marilla Hobbs; Wadsworth Cottage, the gift of N. W. Harris; the Jessie Constance Cottage, remodeled and enlarged for hospital purposes by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swift; and the school building given by William Deering. During the last year 170 children have been sheltered, 225 applications have been received, only 52 of which could be granted. Sixteen have been placed in Christian homes. Present number of inmates, 119. Running expenses for past twelve months, $10,138.81; value of property, $50,000. Fifteen deaconesses, including three teachers, have charge of the children. *President*, J. B. Hobbs; *Vice-President*

and *Treasurer of Endowment Fund*, J. A. Burhans; *Secretary*, George W. York; *Superintendent* and *Treasurer*, Lucy J. Judson; *Auditor*, H. P. Magill.

Methodist Episcopal Orphanage, Philadelphia, Pa.—This institution is located on Monument Avenue, east of Belmont, on a beautiful tract of twenty acres of ground adjoining Fairmount Park. The late Mrs. Bishop Simpson organized it on December 2, 1878. On October 13, 1904, the twenty-fifth anniversary was observed. It has become a beneficiary under the sustained will of the late Colonel Joseph Bennett, of Philadelphia, which assures it a yearly income of $25,000. It was thought best to use an accumulated income from our bequest in permanent improvements. These improvements, in addition to substantial alterations to the main building, include three new buildings —a new cottage, an infirmary, and a new power house. These improvements are now completed and the Orphanage is better equipped than ever before, and better able to care for a larger number of children. The cottage system for the care of the larger girls and boys has been adopted. Industrial training has been inaugurated. A successful kindergarten is maintained. It is in charge of a board of lady managers from the different Methodist churches in the city. At the exercises of "Founder's Day," in October, 1905, a life-size portrait of Mrs. Bishop Simpson was unveiled and presented to the institution. At the same anniversary in 1906 a brass tablet in memory of Colonel Joseph Bennett, the generous benefactor of the Orphanage, was also presented. *President*, Mrs. C. W. Buoy; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. C. F. Bonsall; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. W. N. West, 3718 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. D. Hartman, 2008 Ontario Street, Tioga, Pa.

Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb.—This Orphanage was founded and is owned and supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was opened in 1891. During the first year over forty children were given shelter and support in "York Farm Cottage." During the sixteen years of its work and growth over one hundred children annually have been supported. The Home is situated about one mile from the business center of the city. Its real estate consists of a 160-acre farm, adjoining the city, and 12 acres within the city limits, the latter being separated from the farm by a public road. There are four buildings as follows: "York Farm Cottage," in which are the kitchen, dining rooms, laundry, the older boys' dormitory, and the reading room; "Memorial Hall," the main building, completed in 1895 at a cost of $15,000—here are the school rooms, children's play rooms, reception hall, dormitories for fifty girls and twenty small boys and rooms for most of the helpers; "Stare Retreat," a small cottage used for the kindergarten; and "Randal Memorial Hospital," a new hospital, taking the place of the little cottage hospital that served us until two years ago. It has nine rooms, a good bath, with hot water, and all the modern conveniences. The Home school is conducted in harmony with the public school curriculum and the pupils advanced to the seventh grade, at which time they enter the city public schools. Our industries are, for the girls, practical domestic economy, sewing and fancy needlework; they take quite an interest and pleasure in gardening. For boys, farm and garden, caring for the stock and poultry. In the beginning the Home plant was worth $10,000; it is now worth approximately

$50,000 in real estate and substantial improvements. The Home stands for the highest and best conservation of all available resources to make possible the richest fruitage in child culture and child salvation. Comparing the past year with former years, results are about the same, save in the ever-present and impressive fact that we must now move on without the help of dear Mrs. Spurlock, whose personnel from the beginning had been so marked a factor in the success of this work, always so dear to her. But abiding in Him, whose promises are unfailing, we have been more than compensated. *Superintendent*, Burwell Spurlock, York, Neb.; *Matron*, Miss Barbara Jennings; *Chairman of Mothers' Jewels Home Committee*, Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock.

Saint Christopher's Home, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.—This Home, founded in New York in 1881, and incorporated in 1885 as a Methodist Episcopal Home for boys and girls, occupies an unencumbered property of ten acres. Its buildings are the Agnes Kennedy House, the Sparks Cottage, and the Mabel R. Sherman Cottages for girls; the Lounsbury and the Jane E. Kelemen Cottages for boys; the Cornell Cottage, the residence of the superintendent; the Epworth League Hospital; Andrews Hall, containing schoolrooms, library, and chapel; the gymnasium, the steam laundry, and the gardener's cottage. The Home in 1907 sheltered 140 children. One fourth of the number are supported by permanent funds; for the care of three fourths the Home is dependent upon annual contributions. Boys and girls between two and ten years of age, without relatives or friends to provide for them, on full legal surrender, are admitted to the Home, remaining until they are eighteen years of age, unless adopted in suitable homes. Three schools are maintained, where the children receive kindergarten, primary, and grammar school instruction; the girls are taught housekeeping and sewing, the boys gardening and carpentry. The Home employs the cottage system, now generally advocated by specialists in the care of dependent children. Each cottage contains 25 boys or girls, who perform the domestic work, under the direction of a house-mother, the boys proving as efficient as the girls in bread-making and other household tasks. One hundred and twenty-five dollars a year provides the support of a child. The Home needs larger endowments and more numerous voluntary gifts to meet its annual expenses and secure greater efficiency in the industrial branches. The results of its work in the life and character of the children who have received its training indicate that such gifts are well invested. *President*, Mrs. Anderson Fowler; *Honorary Vice-President*, Mrs. J. B. Cornell; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. W. H. Laird, Mrs. R. S. Ransom, Mrs. F. Mason North; *Receiving Treasurer*, Miss Ellen McLean, 7 East Sixty-third Street, New York city; *Disbursing Treasurer*, Mrs. V. K. McElhinney; *Treasurer of Permanent Funds*, Mrs. John C. Clark; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. H. Winter Davis; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. E. S. Hewitt, 784 Park Avenue, New York city; *Chairman of Committee on Admission of Children*, Mrs. J. H. Littell, 28 West Fiftieth Street, New York city.

The McKinley Orphanage, San Francisco, Cal.—This Orphanage, situated in San Francisco, is one of the two orphanages under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church in California. It was incorporated October 22, 1897, and has cared for over 300 children, of whom girls have formed the larger part. The Orphanage proper contains 17 rooms, 2 bathrooms, a large dormitory capable of accommodating 50 children, a hospital, and a children's playroom. Ample

grounds surround the building. The total value of the property is about $14,000. About seventy children are being cared for at the Orphanage at the present time. The older girls are taught to sew, darn, and mend, and also to do all kinds of housework. The scholarship and deportment of the children at school are all that can be desired. A kindergarten is conducted at the Home for those who are too small to attend school. The general supervision of the institution is conducted by Mrs. I. J. Truman, Chairman of the House and Table Committee. The Orphanage is under the management of a Board of Directors, and is also united with the Fred Finch Orphanage under a joint board. *President*, Rev. H. B. Heacock, D.D.; *Vice-Presidents*, J. F. Forderer, Rev. W. S. Matthew, D.D., Rev. S. J. Carroll; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. W. W. Duncan; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Emma J. Dornin, 3538 Twenty-first Street, San Francisco, Cal.; *Treasurer*, I. J. Truman; *Superintendent Home Finding Department*, Rev. John Coyle, D.D.; *Matron*, Mrs. L. R. Courneen.

Watts de Peyster Hospital and Home for Invalid Children, Verbank, N. Y.—This institution is unique in Methodism. It takes delicate and invalid children from the slums of the great cities and gives them, in many instances, their first glimpse of country life, at the same time furnishing them with proper food and medicine; restores them to health, educates them, and stamps upon them religious and elevating influences. The Home has accommodation for fifty children, who are supported mainly by voluntary contributions. Ten dollars a month supports a child in the Home. The work is under the entire charge of deaconesses. *Superintendent*, Florence Mahin.

Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls.—This Home is located at Tivoli, N. Y. General J. Watts de Peyster gave these buildings and nine acres of land to the Woman's Home Missionary Society to be used as a Home and School for Girls, its object being to give them Christian, educational, and industrial advantages combined with a true home life. Girls are admitted between the ages of four and thirteen and indentured until eighteen years old. Orphans, half orphans, and friendless girls are eligible. We are now entering upon our fourteenth year. One hundred and fifty girls have been cared for and sheltered during this time. Through the help of General de Peyster and friends we now possess twenty acres of land. We have only fifty-seven girls at present, so many have to be refused admission on account of lack of funds. We have made a good beginning and expect, with the continued blessing of God, to do better work during the coming year. *Chairman of Executive Committee*, Mrs. E. M. Foster, 235 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.; *Secretary*, Mrs. S. C. Pullman, 1032 Park Avenue, New York city; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Charles Olney, 134 West 130th Street, New York city; *Superintendent*, Miss Annette Schveder.

HOSPITALS

THESE institutions are everywhere bearing eloquent testimony to the beneficent influence of that system of religion of which Christ was the founder. The following are under the fostering care of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Asbury and Rebecca Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Hospital and Home, Minneapolis, Minn.—Founded September 1, 1892, with the

training school for nurses and in connection with a Deaconess Home. The Hospital building is owned by a corporation of not less than 31 nor more than 71 directors, divided into two Conference classes of 7 each, and three board classes of 19 each. Value of the portion of the building now completed with furnishings, $192,000. There are beds for 90 patients, and 15 deaconesses and 33 nurses are connected with the work in Hospital and Home. During the year 1906, 1,022 patients were cared for in beds, 804 free treatments were given in the dispensary, and 378 ambulance calls were answered. Four-fifths of the patients are from 25 denominations, about one-fifth professing no religion; one-half are foreigners, representing 29 different nationalities. Poor persons from country districts lacking hospital facilities receive the preference. Less than one-third of the building is at present completed, but plans are made to continue the work to the central or administrative part, work on which will be begun at once. The quarterly publication is the Hospital and Home Messenger. *President*, Col. Frank M. Joyce; *First Vice-President*, P. D. Boutell; *Second Vice-President*, P. G. Hanson; *Secretary*, John Leslie; *Treasurer*, Levi Longfellow; *Chairman of Deaconess Home Committee*, made vacant by death of Mrs. J. W. Joyce; *Superintendent of Hospital*, Mrs. S. H. Knight; *Superintendent of Deaconess Home and Assistant Superintendent of Hospital*, Sybil C. Palmer; *Superintending Nurse*, Alice M. Smith.

Bethany Hospital and Deaconess Home, Brooklyn, N. Y.—This institution was organized in 1894 and in 1902 it erected a beautiful hospital at the corner of Saint Nicholas Avenue and Bleecker Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Adjoining the Hospital a Deaconess Home was erected last year and the property now is valued at $78,000, with an indebtedness of $207. The total income last year was $12,760. The Hospital has room for 45 patients. It is furnished with all modern appliances and is considered one of the best equipped small hospitals in the East. 13 deaconesses are connected with the institution. Last year 382 patients were treated in the hospital and 275 operations performed, besides the deaconesses having nursed in 24 different families. The Bethany Society has a fine Rest Home at Jeffersonville, Sullivan County, N. Y. The institution has no endowment fund, but the income exceeds the expenses, although the management is doing a great deal of charity work. *President*, Rev. John Lange; *Secretary*, Rev. J. J. Messmer; *Treasurer*, Rev. H. H. Heck; *President of the Medical Staff*, Dr. Philip Manecke; *Oberin* (Head Deaconess), Miss Myrtha Binder.

The Bethany Deaconess Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Germany has been in existence since 1874. The organization has Homes in the three conferences in Germany and Switzerland and one of the two Motherhouses is located in Frankfort on the Main and the other in Hamburg. The society has Branch Homes in Berlin, Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pfortsheim, Vienna, Chemnitz, Zuerich, Saint Gallen and Lausanne. The Motherhouse at Frankfort is the oldest institution of the Society, but the Hamburg Home is large and it has a large group of buildings in one of the finest suburbs of this great city. The Motherhouse at Frankfort is erecting a new Hospital at present. It will cost when completed $150,000. The Bethany Society has two Rest Homes, one in Neuenheim, one in Frankfort on the Main and another at Volksdorf near Hamburg. Here the deacon-

esses take their vacation and here they are taken care of in case of disability and old age. Both houses are model Rest Homes and the one at Volksdorf has been built on a beautiful site which was given to the deaconesses by the city of Hamburg. The property of the Association is valued at $550,000 with an indebtedness of $125,000. The name of the Association is "Bethanien Verein," with headquarters in Frankfort on the Main. Its purpose is to educate and utilize deaconesses for charity and deaconess work. Number of deaconesses is 315, including probationers. The Board of Managers consists of 11 Methodist preachers and 4 licensed deaconesses. The President and the Superintendent devote their whole time to the management of the institutions. The Association publishes a monthly paper called Bethania.. *President*, Rev. H. Main, Frankfort on the Main; *Superintendent*, Rev. L. Weiss, Hamburg.

Bethesda Hospital and German Methodist Deaconess Home, Cincinnati.—Bethesda Hospital is connected with the German Deaconess Motherhouse in Cincinnati and here all the deaconesses who enter the Motherhouse receive their nurse training. The institution was organized in 1896 and the Hospital was founded two years later. Both institutions are managed by the same Board. Every Deaconess Motherhouse is expected to have the facilities for the training of the deaconesses and for this reason this institution has in addition to a General Hospital a Maternity Hospital, a Kindergarten School and a Nursery. A staff of 8 teachers instructs the deaconesses in a course of study prescribed by the Discipline. The deaconesses who prepare themselves for parish work are instructed by city pastors who employ them in the down-town district. The Motherhouse is located in Avondale, one of the finest suburbs of Cincinnati. The location is 300 feet above the Ohio river on Reading Road, one of the great thoroughfares of the city. The Hospital has 60 rooms, two operating rooms, two wards and an X-ray room. The Deaconess Home next door has 35 rooms, a chapel and a fine library. It is one of the most convenient deaconess homes in the West. All the buildings are heated and lighted from the power-house. In the power-house there is also a modern and well equipped laundry. The property is valued at $130,000 with no indebtedness. About one-fourth of the cases treated in the Hospital last year were charity cases. 130 different physicians brought patients to the Hospital last year. No appropriation of public money is received. Through the liberal gift of $3,000 of Mr. H. Feltman of Covington, Ky., the beginning of an endowment fund was made. The Bethesda Society, which is a society independent of the Board of Managers, has a membership of 1,800. Several thousand dollars are raised through this Society annually for the support of the Hospital. The annual donation day in the third week of November is becoming quite a feature. The institution receives valuable help from this source. 65 deaconesses are connected with the Motherhouse and it has five branches: in Chicago, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Saint Paul and La Crosse, Wis. The medical staff is composed of 21 physicians. Last year 58 patients were treated in the Hospital who came from 13 states. There were 301 operations and 81 maternity cases. The patients were treated by 18 different homœopathic and 11 different allopathic physicians; 98 were nursed without any compensation whatever and 43 for a very small return. Nursing was done outside of the Hospital in 40 families, the deaconesses made 1,300 calls, distributed 750 papers, 40 baskets of

food and many articles of clothing. This includes only the work done in Cincinnati. The deaconesses in the Branch Homes made 4,208 calls, distributed 3,449 papers and 44 baskets of provisions, and a large amount of articles of clothing besides nursing in a great many families. The income and disbursements of the institution amounted to $52,912.74. The Treasurer, Mr. John Kolbe, presented to the Board in the past year a beautiful Rest Home, situated in the outskirts of one of the suburbs of Cincinnati. The location is ideal for its purpose and the ground embraces 15 acres. In honor of the wife of the donor, the Home was named "The Gertrude Kolbe Rest Home." *President of the Staff*, Dr. S. R. Geiser; *President of the Board of Trustees*, Rev. C. Golder; *Secretary*, D. B. Meyer; *Treasurer*, John Kolbe; *Oberin* (Head Deaconess), Miss Louise Golder.

The Branch Homes of the German Deaconess Motherhouse in Cincinnati.—The first Branch Home was organized in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1898. The property is valued at $7,000 with no indebtedness. Four deaconesses are stationed here. Rev. W. J. Weber is president and Rev. Charles Miller treasurer of this Home. The next Branch Home was organized in Kansas City, Kan., in 1902 and here also a beautiful Home was erected at the cost of $5,500, no indebtedness. Four deaconesses devote their time to parish work and nursing, and the institution is in a prospering condition. President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. J. H. Asling. The third Branch Home is in Chicago. It was organized in 1892 and joined the Motherhouse in 1903. The beautiful Home is on Dayton Street, valued at $7,000 and free from debt. Its deaconesses devote their time to nursing and parish work. The Branch Home at Saint Paul, Minn., was organized two years ago and at present four deaconesses are stationed at this great center of the Northwest. At La Crosse, Wis., and Allentown, Pa., the Motherhouse has stations, but no property.

Christ's Hospital, Cincinnati, O.—This splendid institution, under the management of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, is doing the greatest work of the kind in the Central West. The Hospital alone, independent of the Deaconess Home and the Cincinnati Missionary Training School, which are included in the plant, as an evangelizing agency, is of inestimable value, 250 conversions and reclamations having occurred among its patients during the past year. In material benefits we may state that the Missionary Training School has an estimated increase in value of $65,000 through added furnishings and improvements of the building during the year, while the Nurses' Home in connection with the hospital has been completed, furnished, and occupied, at a cost of $75,000. It now has 100 beds. The plant is operated by 43 licensed and 28 probationary deaconesses. The medical staff includes 20 members—attending and consulting. More than 10,200 patients have been cared for since the Hospital was founded. The surgical department is abreast of all the modern facilities. The property is valued at $600,000, and is free of debt. Further details will be found under the "Summary of Deaconess Institutions." *President*, Bishop H. Spellmeyer, D.D.; *First Vice-President*, J. N. Gamble; *Corresponding Secretary*, W. A. Robinson, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. W. E. Mullikin; *Treasurer*, C. A. Ault; *Superintendent*, Miss Hannah M. Pierce; *Medical Director*, J. C. Oliver, M.D.

Deaconess Hospital in Nuernberg, Germany.—This institution is located on Sulzberger strasse, one of the finest streets in the city. It is the Deaconess Mother-house of the Martha Maria Society and for this reason the Hospital is connected with the institution and also a number of branch homes. Last year the Hospital was enlarged and it now has room for 80 beds. . The dedication service took place on the 27th of August, and the Mayor of the city and representative men of the State Church took part in the exercises. The institution has seven branch homes in different cities and 130 deaconesses. The Superintendent of the Home, Rev. Jacob Ekert, who was one of the founders of the institution 19 years ago, was called to his reward and Rev. G. A. Schneider, formerly pastor of a Methodist Church in London, was elected successor. The branch homes are in Cologne, Magdeburg, Munich, Stuttgart, Siegen and several other towns, where only one or two deaconesses are stationed and where the Society has no property. At Rupprechtsstegen the Society has a beautiful Rest Home. The Nuernberg Home is the so-called Motherhouse where the deaconesses receive their nurse-training and from here they are sent to the various branch homes. The income and disbursements of last year were nearly $60,000. *Superintendent*, Rev. G. A. Schneider.

Deaconess Motherhouse and Hospital, Frankfort on the Main.—This institution was founded in 1876. The property is valued at $75,000. During the past year 615 patients were nursed in the Hospital and 5,725 patients were treated in the four medical dispensaries connected with the Hospital. The institution is located near the center of the city, but the building is too small and for this reason a beautiful site has been purchased in one of the suburbs near a city park at the cost of $53,000 and a new building is in the process of erection. It will cost, when finished, not less than $150,000 of which $30 000 has been raised. This institution is one of the Motherhouses of the Bethany Society of our Church in Europe. We speak of the Society elsewhere in this book. In the institution in Frankfort there are 50 deaconesses employed and in addition to the hospital work the deaconesses have nursed in 175 different families and several deaconesses have given their entire time to slum work and the care of kindergartens and nurseries. The Bethany Society has besides the Motherhouses in Frankfort and Hamburg, branch homes in Berlin, Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pfortsheim, Vienna, Zuerich, Saint Gallen, Lausanne, Chemnitz and rest homes in Neuenheim near Frankfort and Volksdorf near Hamburg. *President*, Rev. H. Mann; *Superintendent*, Rev. L. Weiss; *Oberin* (*Head Deaconess*), Martha Keller.

Ensworth Deaconess Hospital, Saint Joseph, Mo.—The Hospital has been taxed beyond its capacity. An addition is in process of construction, which will increase its capacity to 90 beds. Fiscal year closed September 30. Number of patients 914. Males 400, females 514. Surgical cases 736. Death rate 4 per cent. Income $23,795.70, expense $23,909.86. Charity for 133 persons, costing $2,750. Value of Home and Hospital furnishings which are the property of the church $22,000. Officers: *President*, Gustave Becker; *Vice-President*, S. H. Justice; *Secretary*, W. A. Graham; *Treasurer*, H. E. Bragg; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. J. Bentley; *Superintendent*, May Charlesworth.

German Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal.—This institution was founded in 1900 as a branch home of the Deaconess Motherhouse in Cincinnati. Through a magnificent gift from a physician in Los Angeles, since deceased, the board of managers was enabled to erect a fine modern hospital, which was opened in February, 1904. It is one of the best equipped small hospitals in California. It is now leased to the Clara Barton Hospital at $500 per month, or $6,000 per year. The property is worth $150,000 at present; debts, $24,000.

German Deaconess Hospital, Louisville, Ky.—This institution was organized in 1895 and the Board of Managers consists of German members and pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Falls City. The Hospital, located near the center of the city, has 45 beds and room for 25 deaconesses and nurses. The property is valued at $55,000, with an indebtedness of $14,000. There are 3 deaconesses in the Home. Two years ago a Nurse Training School was organized. The Hospital is self-supporting and last year 545 patients were cared for. *President*, Rev. G. E. Hiller; *Superintendent*, Rev. John Claus; *Head Deaconess*, Miss Lena Rembold.

Graham Protestant Hospital, Keokuk, Ia.—This Hospital has just closed its fifth year of successful work. The property, valued at $18,000, is now owned and managed by the Women's Home Society. It has twenty-one rooms for patients, besides office, reception room, dining room, kitchen and a very neat, attractive and aseptic operating room. There is not a dollar of debt resting upon the institution. An able corps of physicians and surgeons are upon its staff. The Nurses' Training School in connection with the Hospital has a three years' course and is opened to all Christian women who meet the requirements. It is under deaconess management. Miss Mary Jackson, the superintendent, is a deaconess of experience and ability. Last year we had 369 patients. The percentage of deaths was very low and the recoveries correspondingly high. Much charity work has been done. There is a nurses' home separate from the Hospital. The property embraces half a block of ground beautifully located near the city park. We greatly need a new building to accommodate our increasing patronage. In this Christlike work the cup of water is being given in the name of a disciple. *General Superintendent*, Mrs. L. G. Murphy.

Hamburg Deaconess Hospital, Germany.—This institution was founded in 1886 and it is one of the best equipped and perhaps the largest Methodist Deaconess Motherhouse Hospital in Europe as well as in America. The three buildings connected with the institution contain several hundred rooms and they are located in Eppendorf, a suburb of Hamburg. The buildings are surrounded by a beautiful park and the management three years ago built a large and commodious Rest-home several miles from Hamburg at an expense of $35,000. The beautiful site was given by the city of Hamburg and Dr. Ludwig J. Lippert, a citizen of Hamburg, donated the money for the building. The property of the Hamburg institution is valued at $200,000 with an indebtedness of $35,000. The income and disbursements of last year amounted to $43,025. 1,063 patients were cared for in the Hospital and in addition several thousand patients were treated in the various dispensaries connected with the Hospital. 782 operations were performed and the deaconesses nursed outside of the Hospital

in 215 different families. 74 deaconesses are connected with the institution. They live in the Deaconess Home adjoining the Hospital and this new Home is a model in every particular. *President of the Association*, Rev. H. Mann; *Superintendent*, Rev. L. Weiss; *Oberin (Head Deaconess)*, Miss Sophia Hurter.

Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Ia.—The Hospital, incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa, was opened January 16, 1901, and has enrolled 4,503 patients. Death rate for the past year, four per cent. *President*, L. M. Mann; *Financial Secretaries*, C. L. Baxter and L. K. Billingsley; *Treasurer*, G. M. Read; *Superintendent*, Esther Pearson.

Memorial Methodist Hospital, Mattoon, Ill.—A fine property was purchased over a year ago near the heart of the city, four blocks from the union depot. The building of 25 rooms, was remodeled and finely equipped at a cost of $10,000. We have one of the finest operating rooms in the state. The Hospital was opened with impressive ceremonies, March 15, 1906, and it has practically paid its way from the first. We have ample grounds for the construction of another and larger building when it shall be needed. Through the magnificent benefactions of Dr. D. M. M'Fall and others, an endowment of $100,000, productive in a short time, will give the institution a solid working basis. Nine trustees manage the Hospital. *President*, Dr. D. M. M'Fall; *Secretary*, Judge J. F. Hughes; *Treasurer*, Dr. T. O. Freeman.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.—This Hospital occupies a representative position among the charitable institutions of the great city of Philadelphia. It is located at South Broad and Wolf Streets. The grounds are ample, the appliances for hospital work modern and complete. It was founded by Dr. Scott Steward, who made provision for it in his will, November 1, 1877, and who died June 29, 1881. The bequest was accepted by the Philadelphia Conference for the Methodist Episcopal Church in March, 1882. The charter was obtained February 14, 1885, and the Institution was opened for patients April 21, 1892. A well-organized training school for nurses is maintained. Value of the property, including a small endowment fund, $800,000. Patients are received without distinction of color, race, or creed. No one has ever been refused admission on account of his poverty. No appropriation of public money is received. The financial exhibit for the past year is very gratifying. Receipts, $108,648.80. Disbursements, $91,622.36. The work of the year summarized is as follows: Admitted to the Hospital, 1,017 patients; 23,831 days of treatment have been given, of which 13,171 days were free; 7,350 patients were treated in the dispensary; 29,351 visits were made to the dispensary by the patients; 23,381 prescriptions were compounded. Five thousand dollars will endow an adult's bed and $4,000 a child's bed in perpetuity; $365 will support an adult's bed and $300 a child's bed for a year. Voluntary contributions mainly support the charity work. *President*, Stephen Greene; *Vice-Presidents*, Thomas Bradley and Rev. S. M. Vernon, D.D.; *Secretary*, Frank B. Lynch, S.T.D.; *Treasurer*, Charles E. Kreamer; *Solicitor*, S. H. Kirkpatrick; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. D. Martin, D.D.; *Superintendent*, Odin R. Edwards.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.—This Hospital is steadily becoming one of the best equipped hospitals in the city.

On December 4, 1906, the great main building was brought to completion at an expense of $125,000, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Halls, Jr. The exterior was erected twenty years ago. This noble structure, which doubles the capacity of the Hospital, is worth at least $350,000.

As the YEAR BOOK goes to press, contracts amounting to $65,000 are being awarded for the completion of the last building of the original plant. This expense is also borne by Mr. and Mrs. Halls.

While these large buildings are being finished, smaller though important improvements are being made. We have installed an ice plant at a cost of $5,000. We are now erecting an iron fence which will cost $4,500, and laying a concrete sidewalk around our property, that is, around the entire block, at an expense of about $2,000.

Our enlarged plant has made it possible to broaden our medical and surgical work so that we have now over 40 physicians on our staff, where formerly we had half the number. This also means a much larger number and variety of patients treated than previous years. A few years ago 2,000 patients in our wards and rooms was the high water mark, this year the number will be over 3,000.

Patients are charged according to their ability to pay. Those who are unable to pay and are properly recommended by their pastors, receive free treatment as guests of the Church. *President of the Board of Managers*, J. M. Buckley; *Vice-President*, William Halls, Jr.; *Secretary*, Morris H. Smith; *Treasurer*, Charles E. Teale; *Superintendent*, A. S. Kavanagh; *Assistant Superintendent*, W. T. Graham. All communications should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital.

New England Deaconess Aid Society.—This Society is composed of those women who have associated themselves to forward as they may the interests of deaconess work in New England. The Deaconess Aid Society now numbers 750 women of Greater Boston. They have given the Association $5,000 toward current expenses in the past three years, and have built and furnished an eight-bed ward in the new hospital at an expense of $7,500. It has branches in New Hampshire and East Maine Conferences, in Lowell and Worcester. Also in many churches, girls have been organized as deaconess helpers—their work being the making of garments for fresh air children. *President*, Mrs. F. A. Patterson, Everett, Mass.

New England Deaconess Hospital, Office, 87 Milk Street, Boston Mass.—This Hospital is located at Belleim and Park Streets, Fenway District, Boston, is the property of and conducted by the New England Deaconess Association. The present building was completed and accepted April 15, 1907. It is of modern fire-proof construction; containing 45 beds for patients, and has every modern convenience for a general surgical hospital. The property, which includes nurses' home and separate building for laundry, cost $170,000. The completed hospital, of which this is a part, will cost approximately $350,000. The New England Deaconess Association established its hospital work at 691 Massachusetts Avenue in 1896. During the first ten years some 2,000 patients were treated. The Hospital is very popular with prominent physicians and surgeons of Boston and vicinity, and they are generous in their help and in caring for free patients. Fully one-third of this work in 1905 was gratuitous. This was possible largely because of the earnings of the institution. *President*, W. T. Perrin,

D.D.; *First Vice-President*, C. C. Bragdon, LL.D.; *Second Vice-President*, Hon. John L. Bates; *Third Vice-President*, Rev. Edgar Blake; *Clerk*, Mrs. T. C. Watkins; *Corresponding Secretary*, Theodore A. Hildreth; *Treasurer*, H. D. Degen; *Superintendent*, Miss Adeliza A. Betts; *Secretary and Chaplain*, Mrs. Annie Hart Sandidge.

Peoria Deaconess Home and Hospital, Peoria, Ill.—The Deaconess Home and Hospital was closed two years ago last June under an injunction suit brought by the adjacent property on the west. We have purchased and paid for a lot on the east and have bought an option on the complaining property and have from a year from this December in which to pay for it and take possession, which would dissolve the force of the injunction. The new lot cost $5,750. Property on west will cost $13,000. Debts nearly cover the value of the old property. Subscription to cover new property now amounts to about $18,000. We have a man in the field whose support comes out of the subscription. We have a deed to a farm worth $25,000 subject to the death of a man about 80 years of age. We have city lots free of incumbrance, $2,000. An annuity is offered us from elderly people $2,500. We have good hopes of some time having a hospital that will be a credit to the Methodism of this section.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana.—This institution, controlled by the three annual conferences of the state of Indiana, occupies an entire square in the city of Indianapolis. The corner stone of the first and main building was laid October 25, 1905. The work of construction is still in progress. The exterior of the first building is completed, and arrangements are made for the speedy finishing of the interior and the erection of a heating and power-house. The main building is a large three-story structure (134x143 feet) of pressed brick with Bedford stone trimmings and glazed tile roofing. It is entirely of fireproof materials, and built after the most modern and best approved plans for hospital construction. The entire property at the present time represents a value of $150,000. When the whole plan of the building is completed this will be one of the largest and best equipped hospitals in the west. It is hoped that this hospital will be opened for the reception of patients in the early summer of 1907. *President*, Rev. C. E. Bacon, D.D.; *Secretary* and *Field Agent*, Rev. Arthur H. DeLong; *Treasurer*, W. D. Cooper, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Nebraska Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home.—This Home is located in Omaha, Neb. It was chartered in 1891, and opened May 28, 1892. Capacity, 36 beds. There are three buildings of the new hospital approaching completion, and we expect to move into the new building not later than March, 1907. We will have a capacity of something more than 100 beds. The corporate powers are vested in the board of trustees, elected by the four annual conferences in this state. The financial statement March 1, 1906, is as follows: Receipts, $22,049.60; expenses, $19,619.62; balance on hand, $2,430.07. *President*, C. W. DeLamatre; *Vice-President*, A. L. Johnson; *Treasurer*, W. P. Harford; *Recording Secretary*, C. A. Goss; *Membership Secretary*, C. C. Troxell; *Auditor*, Oscar Allen; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. J. I. McLaughlin.

1. The new hospital and deaconess home is located on the corner of Cuming and 30th Streets.

2. It is of the most modern fireproof construction.
3. It has cost us $175,000.00 and is practically without debt.
4. We are proceeding at once to the erection of one of the 4 proposed wings, which will cost about $35,000.00. Wings 80 ft. x 30 ft., 4 stories.

The Martha Maria Society.—This society was organized 17 years ago by several pastors of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Southern Germany which ten years ago was consolidated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Martha Maria Society works in harmony with the Bethany Society spoken of elsewhere. Both societies are responsible to their respective conferences and the Superintendent is appointed by the presiding Bishop at the request of the conferences. The Society has a Deaconess Mother-house with Hospital in Nuernberg and branch homes in Magdeburg, Munich, Heilbron, Koeln and Siegen. It also has a Rest Home at Rupprechtsstegen in Bavaria. Number of deaconesses 130, and property valued at $160,000. In August, 1907, an addition to the Hospital in Nuernberg was completed and dedicated. The Hospital now has 80 beds and is thoroughly modern in all of its equipments. On dedication day the Mayor of the city, Dr. Von Schuh, sent a letter, regretting that he could not be present on account of being away from the city, but he sent a liberal donation. The city council sent a representative and the State Church also was represented by Rev. Friederich, who spoke kind and appropriate words. Rev. G. A. Schneider is Superintendent of the 7 homes of the Martha Maria Society and Miss Louise Schneider Head Deaconess.

Sibley Memorial Hospital.—This hospital was erected and given to the Woman's Home Missionary Society by William J. Sibley, Esq., of Washington, D. C., in 1894. Since 1898, the building has been enlarged to more than twice its former size, and in the last few years, a large frame building, formerly used as the training school for deaconesses, has been added to the Hospital as an annex. The capacity of the Hospital accommodations at the present time is represented by 80 beds. It has five wards including a children's ward and over thirty private rooms. It is administered on a plan somewhat unusual among hospitals. There is no regular staff of physicians. Any physician of recognized standing can bring patients to the Hospital and treat them in the wards and private rooms as exclusively as in the patient's home. In turn the Hospital provides all the care and nourishment. Sibley Hospital is a part of the National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses, and furnishes the nurse-training which the institution provides for all who desire to take this form of preparation for Christian service. Its large variety of cases, medical and surgical, over a thousand, and the large number of physicians, 150, who patronize the Hospital, give a very broad and varied experience to those who are taking nurse-training. The Hospital is not endowed and is therefore obliged to support itself by its own earnings. This it has been able to do for several years. Its nurse department is quite large. Forty nurses have been under training for the past year, and a large proportion of them expect to devote themselves to special service either as deaconesses or missionaries. The period of training is two years and three months. The nurses are obtained from all parts of the country, as far west as California and as far south as Texas. During the past year, 1,011 patients have been treated in the Hospital on an average of three weeks each. Many private patients have been nursed in their homes. The proportion of medical and

surgical patients has been about one-half. It is the aim of the Hospital to afford as much help as possible to the needy who do not have the money with which to pay for such service. From the city and the states near by, many such cases have been received. These people belong to the class that under ordinary circumstances take care of themselves and would be unwilling to accept public aid. Each year for many years the Hospital has cared for about two hundred in spite of the fact that it is compelled to do so out of a meager income to be used for its own support.

The dispensary and emergency work done during the past year has exceeded very greatly that done in previous years, while the resident physician has given some outside help freely to the people who have applied. Only a small fee is ever charged for service in the dispensary and for the most part assistance is given free. While Washington is well supplied with hospitals, Sibley Hospital has met with great favor from physicians and people. For the last three years it has been more than full, having a waiting list almost all the time, and in some periods of the year having a dozen applications that it could not receive. With the rapid growth of the city, there will be ample room and great demand for a larger Methodist and Deaconess Hospital.

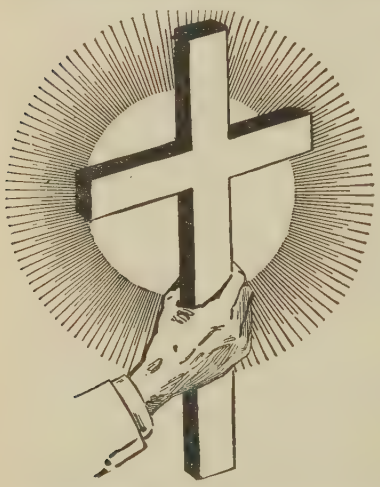
Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Ill.—This hospital, incorporated in 1888, was the first in America under the charge of the deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was opened November, 1888, its first patients being sheltered in the Chicago Training School building. On February 1, 1905, the management of the Hospital was turned over to the Hospital board of trustees, 30 in number. A new structure for the Hospital has recently been erected at a cost of $237,000. There is an endowment of $137,543.47, very little of which is at present productive. The Hospital has a capacity of 175 beds, but with the new wing which the plan includes its capacity will be increased to more than 200. A nurses' home, the gift of Norman W. Harris, has been erected at a cost of over $30,000. An excellent nurses' training school, with 70 nurses in residence, is connected with the Hospital. Number of patients cared for during the year, 3,704. *President of Board of Trustees*, Perley Lowe; *Principal of School*, Miss Arletta E. Brode; *Superintendent*, Dudley Jackson, M.D.

HEDDING HOUSE

This Home for working girls is situated at 335 East Seventeenth Street, New York. Its object is to provide a boarding place, which shall be as nearly as possible a real Christian home, to young women who receive such small wages that the question of a safe, comfortable, and healthful boarding place is a serious problem. The Home has a committee of direction composed of representatives from the boards of managers of the New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society and of the New York Deaconess Home and Training School respectively. The immediate management of the Home is in the hands of the deaconesses in charge. The New York Church Extension and Missionary Society pays the rent, but the current expenses of the household are met by most careful management out of the income derived from the members of the Home, who pay from $2.50 to $3.50 per week board. The capacity of the house is fifteen. During the past year the aggregate membership was seventy; the total expenditure, $2,109.69. *Superintendent*, Miss Florence Slusser; *Assistant Superintendent*, Miss Amanda Kirkpatrick.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT PAUL GENERAL METHODIST FRATERNITY

The Brotherhood of Saint Paul maintains its record as the oldest Methodist fraternity, and the largest organized body of men in any one Protestant communion. Its older competitors, the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew of the Episcopal Church, and the interdenominational Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip have been surpassed in membership by the Brotherhood of Saint Paul, though the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew has more chapters.



Entirely Flexible.—The organization of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul is adapted to local conditions. A chapter may be as simple as possible in form, but provision is also made for larger and more diversified societies. There is no attempt to bind anyone to fixed plans or methods. New ideas in men's work are welcomed.

A Spiritual Brotherhood.—The Brotherhood of Saint Paul makes no attempt to conceal its great aim, which is to win, hold and use men for Christ and his church. The effort is made to prove the reality of Christian love by the services of true brotherhood, and by the laws of social kindness and fellowship, as well as by systematic coöperative efforts to bring Christ's gospel to bear upon the lives of men. Hundreds of earnest pastors and laymen pronounce it a success as an evangelistic agency of the highest type.

Facts of History.—November 12, 1895, the Brotherhood of Saint Paul began work, and on November 12, 1905, the parent chapter at Little Falls, N. Y., celebrated its tenth anniversary, a sermon by Rev. Wm. D. Marsh, D.D., and a historical sketch by J. B. Ellis, M.D., one of the first men brought into church membership through the Brotherhood constituting the exercises. The first National Convention was held at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1898, five states being represented by delegations. Conventions of the Brotherhood have been held in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Iowa. Among those who have spoken at these conventions are Bishops: Warren, Berry and Fowler; College Presidents: Shanklin, Race, Dickie, Hancher, Day; Editors: Herben, Titus, Fisher, Spencer, Potts; Laymen: H. E. Dingley, Judge W. K. Harvey, Judge M. A. Roberts, Geo. W. Fifield, Hon. W. J. Welch, Geo. W. Austin, John S. Miller, John S. Roberts, John T. Simons, and many others; Pastors: C. E. Locke, Henry Wheeler, F. L. Thompson, A. E. Craig, A. B. Leonard, D. H. Glass, C. E. Hamil-

ton, A. F. Knoblock, W. H. B. Urch, J. W. Somerville, F. H. Coman, W. P. Stoddard, E. S. Ninde, C. E. Mogg, J. H. Willey, A. W. Hayes, W. D. Marsh, H. A. Reed, R. H. Gilbert, and many others; Presiding Elders: F. L. Decker, Ward Platt, Levi Master, D. D. Martin, N. L. Bray, J. W. King, C. B. Graham, and others.

Membership.—The Brotherhood of Saint Paul has organized over 800 chapters with a membership of 40,000 men. There are chapters in nearly all the states, in Canada, and in Alaska. Connected with it is a boys' order called the Knights of Saint Paul and comprising 2,700 boys. During its history the Brotherhood of Saint Paul has absorbed several smaller societies which have felt that they would prefer a place in the stronger, more completely planned body. No effort has been made anywhere to crowd this brotherhood upon the church, and no salaried officers have represented its interests. The Brotherhood of Saint Paul arose out of the felt need of the church and its beginnings were very much assisted by the counsels of Bishop W. X. Ninde, who especially approved of the provision which is made for introducing men of good moral character who are non-church members into the fellowship of the Christian men of the fraternity.

Present Forms of Work.—The activities of each local chapter are determined by the needs of the individual church, and of the community. It is the thought to supplement the work of other societies, not to supplant them. Among the things now being actually done by various chapters of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul are the following:

"Men's gospel meetings and socials; cottage, neighborbood, schoolhouse, and outdoor services, including tent work in summer; week day Bible classes, and the organization of new and development of old Sunday school classes for men; organization of chapels, missions and Sunday schools and conduct of same; reading rooms, libraries, gymnasiums and tract distribution; men's revival services, systematic personal work with prayer and follow up lists; care of sick and burial of the dead, these matters either being arranged by mutual society plan or by special funds; boarding house visitation and employment bureaus; solicitation of funds for church building, new organs, chapels, debts, pastor's salary and benevolences, including missions; hotel and street invitations; entertainment courses, debates, lectures, banquets, and socials; special Sunday night anniversary and convention programs and assistance; publication of church papers, bulletins, directories; religious canvasses, flower missions to aged and afflicted; circulation of good literature and increasing the use of church papers."

Organization of New Chapters.—The National Board requires that not less than twelve men shall form a chapter, and the invitation to unite must be extended to the adult men of the church. There must be no exclusive clique calling itself a Brotherhood of Saint Paul. The usual officers are elected, and at least three standing committees, Christian work, social, membership. For these committees forms of useful work are suggested in the literature of the society. A postal order for $2.75 sent to any branch of the Book Concern will bring charter, 25 constitutions with manual, and fifty application cards. Through the National Organizer, 15 Adams Avenue E., Detroit, Mich., a copy of the Brotherhood Standard containing information about the organization will be obtained by anyone sending six cents postage. The society is well equipped with buttons, badges and other requisites, which will be furnished by Eaton & Mains or Jennings & Graham.

Study the literature well. Carry out the plans suggested. Use plenty of printing.

Object, Principles, Aims.—The following extracts from Brotherhood of Saint Paul literature will give an excellent idea of the spirit of this earnest body of men:

The purpose of this Brotherhood is to effect the mutual improvement and entertainment of its members by religious, social, physical and literary culture, to promote the spirit and practice of Christian brotherhood, to build up the Church with which we are connected, and to extend Christ's cause by winning our brothers to a Christian faith.

We accept Christ as our Great Commander, Example and Saviour, and Saint Paul as the leader of our division of Christ's army. They are our types of manly character. We declare loyalty to the Methodist Episcopal Church, to its laws, its pastors and its lay officiary, and to the Scripture doctrines upon which it is founded.

We will seek daily the noblest Christian manhood.

We will devote our lives to the cause of Jesus on earth.

We will be loyal to the church, and will keep her rules.

We will know more of the Bible, and be proud to carry and use it.

We will be educated churchmen, making good use of our church papers and of the publications of our Methodist Book Concern.

We will esteem them that are over us in the church very highly in love for their work's sake.

We will be true brothers, seeking to protect each other's reputation and to advance each other's interests.

We will be Christians everywhere, and in all the relations of life, social, business, political, religious.

We will take an all-round interest in every good cause, and especially in missions, church-building, education, and the care of the needy.

We will pray daily, and will labor to save lost men, and to increase the numbers of them who shall come under the influence of our church.

Special Features

Brotherhood Bible Classes.—The organization and development of these classes is one of the prominent features of the recent history of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul. These classes succeed grandly and are adding hundreds of new men to Methodist Sunday schools.

Boys' Work—Knights of Saint Paul.—This neglected form of church work is receiving ever greater attention in the chapters of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul. As we have studied the work of this society its success with boys has seemed to be one of its strongest points. Special attention is given to boys in the fraternal literature. Attractive badges are provided. The Knights of Saint Paul sometimes do good work where no Brotherhood exists. The organization is as it should be, very simple and direct. Pastors find that the Knight's chapters are splendid feeders of the church membership.

The Mutual Benefit Branch.—A number of the chapters have organizations of this kind for definite helpfulness in accident and sickness and for burial expenses. It is reported that no society of this kind yet organized by the fraternity has ever failed, or proven anything but a source of strength to the chapter. Mr. John T. Simons, 35 Gelston Street, Buffalo, or Professor M. R. Sanford, 912 Madison Street, Syracuse, are good persons to correspond with as to this department of men's work.

The Official Organ—Brotherhood Standard.—The Brotherhood of Saint Paul now publishes a bright newsy quarterly called The Brotherhood Standard. It costs 50 cents per year. The publication office is Detroit, Mich., and subscriptions should be sent to 15 Adams Ave. E. Men who wish to be posted as to Brotherhood news, plans and successes cannot afford to be without this journal.

Italian Work.—The Brotherhood of Saint Paul is very much interested in the foreigners in this country. Therefore it rejoices in the work which it expects to be able to do among the Italians. The Brotherhood constitution and manual has been translated into Italian by Chapter Italian Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston, Mass. Copies can be obtained of Rev. Salvatore Musso, 287 Hanover Street. Every assistance will be given by the officers to this work and to all the men's societies among foreigners in this country and abroad.

Unity of Methodist Brotherhoods

In December, 1906, it was the generous action of the National Convention of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul, the older and larger organization, to meet an equal number of representatives of the Wesley Society, and to arrange proposals for a United Methodist Brotherhood which might be presented to the General Conference. Action on this matter was deferred by the Wesley Brotherhood until November, 1907. Recent correspondence from the latter organization in part accepts the plan, but does not provide for a delegation with full power to act. The Brotherhood of Saint Paul is satisfied that its cause is strong. It is a real and valuable society, with laymen in the executive offices, and doing a definite and practical work. It was never growing faster than at present, although for some time it has done no advertising whatever. Probably the Wesley Brotherhood will yet delegate an empowered body appointed on the equal terms we have suggested to arrange a union. But if not, the Brotherhood of Saint Paul, with its Apostolic name, its broad and liberal organization, and its successes under the same forms for more than a dozen years, will move forward to such a plan or future as the Church may desire.

Some Typical Chapters

Chapter 475, First Church, Syracuse, N. Y. About 125 members. Has a Brotherhood room, a strong Brotherhood Bible class, and frequent men's socials. Plans used to increase the attendance of men Sunday nights have been very successful.

Chapter 589, Madison, Wis. There are 130 men. They have an orchestra and chorus, and a night school for factory district is reported. There is also Bible study and the study of civics.

Chapter 482, Congress Street, Portland, Me. The membership is around 100. Sixteen of these men were gotten to revival services and have professed conversion. New leadership is being created for church departments. A large fund has been raised for church purposes.

Chapter 550, First Church, Baltimore, Md. Men's prayer meeting every Sunday at 10 A. M. Personal work is planned and effected.

Chapter 108, First Church, Topeka, Kan. Sixty different members have been trained in debates and discussions about church work, and religious questions in a single season.

Chapter 92, Asbury, Scranton, Pa. The chapter has had nine years of great success; has probably run more home gospel meetings

than any men's society in Methodism. Over $800 have been expended in fraternal aid. Much has been done for missionary causes.

Chapter 84, Tabernacle, Binghamton, N. Y. There are 120 men. They do much fraternal work. $4,000 has been raised for church purposes, a large sum having been given for a new church organ. There are earnest gospel meetings. The chapter has back of it 9 years of successful work.

Chapter 586, First Church, Pasadena, Cal. There are 225 men. They are holding good men's meetings and are strong in social work. They have caused the organization of men's work in other churches.

Chapter 18, First Church, Jackson, Mich. The chapter is 10 years of age. It has over 150 men and boys in the Senior and Knights. This chapter has brought many into church membership. It holds excellent Sunday morning devotional meetings. Many special services have been arranged, attended by great audiences of men.

Chapter 55, Gouverneur, N. Y. Has a small membership, a little over 40, but is a great working force. Besides its achievements in its own church, it has organized a Sunday school of 200 in another part of the city, and has housed it largely by its own expenditure in a new chapel building costing $3,000. The result will be a new strong Methodist Church.

Chapter 359, Union, Camden, N. J. Membership 75. Has held open air meetings. Class for Bible study. Has aided Sunday night services. There have been conversions under the influence of the chapter.

Chapter 601, Trinity, Auburn, N. Y. The chapter has helped build a new church. There is a flourishing branch of the Knights of Saint Paul for boys, also a good orchestra which aids social affairs.

For suggestions on boys' work, write Chapter 631, Pine Street, Portland, Me.; 283, Port Allegheny, Pa.; 538, First, Cleveland, O.; 18, First, Jackson, Mich.; 512, Rocky Ford, Col.; 278, Grace, Buffalo, N. Y.; 1, Little Falls, N. Y.; 585, First, Duluth, Minn.

About social work, write Chapter 306, People's, Boston, Mass.; 295, Grace, Portland, Ore.; 612, First, Fresno, Cal.; 53, Monroe Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.; 127, Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

About men's Bible classes, write Chapter 405, University Avenue Syracuse, N. Y.; 315, Adrian, Mich.; 376, Fairbury, Ill.; 581, Silver Creek, N. Y.; 589, First, Madison, Wis.

About lecture courses, write Chapter 528, Wesley, Milwaukee, Wis.; 355, Fort Collins, Col.; 242, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; 586, Absecon, N. J.

About fraternal aid, write Chapter 105, Riverside, Buffalo, which has aided many and has a balance of nearly $1,000 in fund; 223, Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Mich.; 469, Penn Yan, N. Y.

About revival or systematic personal work, write Chapter 551, First, Baltimore, Md.; 5, First, Ithaca, N. Y.; 148, Simpson, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 609, First, Saint Paul, Minn.

Officers of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul.

The last National Convention occurred at Broad Street Church, Columbus, O., December 11–13, 1906.

The following is the roll of officers. These men serve with their own consent, not by mere arbitrary appointment without consultation:

President, Harvey E. Dingley, Syracuse, N. Y.; *Vice-President*, Rev. Fayette L. Thompson, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.; *Secretary*, Rev. A.

E. Craig, D.D., Columbus, O.; *Treasurer*, Geo. W. Austin, Jackson, Mich.

National Executive Committee.—H. E. Dingley, F. D. Leete, Bennett E. Titus, C. E. Hamilton, M. E. Ketcham, J. A. Tory.

National Advisory Board.—The above officers and the following: Bishop J. F. Berry, D.D., LL.D., Buffalo, N. Y.; Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D., LL.D., University Park, Col.; Gov. H. A. Buchtel, Denver, Col.; Hon. L. M. Shaw, New York city; W. A. Quayle, D.D., Chicago; F. H. Wright, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.; Bennett E. Titus, Syracuse, N. Y.; E. M. Mills, D.D., Elmira, N. Y.; Ward Platt, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; C. E. Hamilton, D.D., Albany, N. Y.; C. L. Goodell, D.D., New York, N. Y.; C. E. Locke, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chancellor J. R. Day, S.T.D., Syracuse, N. Y.; President J. H. Race, D.D., Chattanooga, Tenn.; S. J. Herben, D.D., Chicago, Ill.; E. M. Randall, D.D., Chicago, Ill.; E. S. Tipple, D.D., Madison, N. J.; W. G. Simpson, D.D., Athens, Pa.; E. S. Ninde, D.D., Providence, R. I.; M. S. Hughes, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.; John T. McFarland, D.D., New York city; George Heber Jones, D.D., Korea; Hon. W. J. Welch, Binghamton, N. Y.; George W. Fifield, Jackson, Mich.; President W. A. Shanklin, D.D., Fayette, Ia.; Rev. A. B. Leonard, Saginaw, Mich.; C. P. Griffith, Rochester, N. Y.; A. E. Craig, D.D., Columbus, O.; R. H. Gilbert, D.D., Berwick, Pa.; Professor E. C. Pierce, Ottumwa, Ia.; C. B. Mitchell, D.D., Cleveland, O.; Liston H. Pearce, D.D., Syracuse, N. Y.; J. W. King, D.D., Youngstown, O.; W. P. Stoddard, Ph.D., Centerville, Ia.; H. J. Zelley, Ph.D., Camden, N. J.; President John W. Hancher, D.D., Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; R. N. McIntyre, Topeka, Kans.; Rev. Salvatore Musso, Boston, Mass.; E. C. Frost, Seattle, Wash.; A. E. Hagle, Albion, Mich.; Rev. F. L. Decker, Saratoga, N. Y.; Gideon F. Draper, D.D., Japan; D. L. Tuttle, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. W. Lamport, D.D., Pasadena, Cal.; H. F. Rall, Ph.D., Baltimore, Md.; C. H. Priddy, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Corresponding Secretaries, Rev. Addison W. Hayes, D.D., Westfield, N. J. *President*, J. W. Hancher, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. *Secretary, Knights of St. Paul*, Wm. D. Marsh, D.D., Little Falls, N. Y. *Benefit Secretary*, John T. Simons, 35 Gelston Street, Buffalo, N. Y. *Editor Standard*, F. D. Leete, D.D., Detroit, Mich.

THE WESLEY BROTHERHOOD

In National Convention at Louisville, Ky., November 19–21, with delegates from all sections of the United States, excepting the extreme South and Southwest, the Wesley Brotherhood was launched as the Brotherhood for all Methodism. By unanimous vote of the delegates, the title by which the organization has been known practically since its formation years ago—The Wesley Brotherhood, the Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church—was changed to the simple and comprehensive title, the Wesley Brotherhood.

The Convention also elected to its general officiary and Executive Board, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Bishops

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and prominent ministers and laymen of both branches of Episcopal Methodism. With the exception of Bishop Thomas B. Neely, the founder of the Wesley Brotherhood, all of the General Officers are laymen, and the augmented Executive Board is composed one half of ministers and one half laymen. The First Vice-President is Mr. J. R. Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn., one of the most prominent laymen in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Second Vice-President is Mr. F. E. Tasker, a lawyer of New York city, who is a member of the New York city Board of the Y. M. C. A., and is President of the Methodist Social Union of that city. The Third Vice-President is Mr. C. C. Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., prominent in the affairs of both branches of Episcopal Methodism in that city. The Fourth Vice-President is Mr. T. S. Lippy, of Seattle, Washington, one of the most active laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. W. B. Patterson, formerly associate editor of the New York Evening Mail, was re-elected General Secretary. Mr. R. H. Montgomery, of New York City, was elected Treasurer, and Mr. H. P. Bennett, of Long Branch, N. J., editor of the Daily News of that city and President of its Y. M. C. A., Recording Secretary.

Mr. J. W. Powell, of Buffalo, N. Y., was re-elected General Organizer.

Upon application of its President, the Charles Wesley Brotherhood of the Cincinnati Conference was received into fellowship, and its Chapters have been chartered as Wesley Brotherhood Chapters. The Convention considered the overtures of the Brotherhood of Saint Paul, looking toward a unification of Methodist Brotherhoods, and it was unanimously resolved that the request of the Saint Paul fraternity be acceded to, and that the Executive Board of the Wesley Brotherhood be authorized to appoint a Commission of eleven members to confer with a similar commission from the Brotherhood of Saint Paul and arrange for an amalgamation. This Commission, it is expected, will meet early in 1908. Since November 1, 1906, the Wesley Brotherhood has more than doubled in membership, in the number of its Chapters and in the number of Conferences in which Chapters are located. It is now in nearly eighty Conferences of Methodism, and its work is being carried on by men in all sections of the United States, in Panama, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Porto Rico, Germany and other sections of Europe, and in Liberia, Africa. There are over 600 local organizations with a membership of fully 30,000. Chapters are in course of organization in both branches of Episcopal Methodism and in the United Methodist Church of Canada.

Impetus was given the Wesley Brotherhood movement in Europe by the unanimous adoption by the delegates from all the Conferences in Europe composing the Quadrennial European Methodist Congress, of a resolution pledging support to the Wesley Brotherhood. This action followed a presentation of the Wesley Brotherhood by Mr. Ernst Gideon Bek, of Pforzheim, Germany, the European Organizer of the Wesley Brotherhood.

Object.—The Object shall be to promote religious work among and for men and boys, to secure an increased attendance of men upon the church services; to deepen the interest of the men in the church; to increase the number of conversions among men; to bring more men into the membership of the church; to increase the Christian activities of church members, and to benefit men socially and intellectually.

The Badge.—The badge of the Brotherhood is a crimson shield, bearing a white Latin cross in the center. This warrior's shield symbolizing the shield of faith, the crimson color the blood of the atonement, and the white cross a life of purity and self-sacrifice.

Local Chapters.—Any local Methodist Club or Brotherhood existing for special religious work among and for men and boys, by inviting them to our church service, welcoming men who do come, and endeavoring to secure the conversion of men and their admission into our church membership, may be admitted as a chapter of the Brotherhood, upon agreeing to conform to the laws and regulations of the general organization, and to make an annual contribution of at least ten cents per member toward defraying the expenses of the Central Office of the Brotherhood; provided a *Charter* properly filled out and signed shall have been obtained from the Central Office of the Brotherhood (150 Fifth Avenue, New York).

The Vice-Presidents Emeritus are: Rev. A. B. Kendig, Brockton, Mass., and Rev. John Handley, Vineland, N. J.

The Executive Board is as follows: Rev. George Adams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Dalton, Mass.; Rev. G. B. Burns, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Davison, Orange, N. J.; Rev. David G. Downey, New York city; J. D. Dunlop, Spring Valley, N. Y.; Rev. G. P. Eckman, New York city; James R. Joy, Plainfield, N. J.; I. D. Jones, M.D., Cincinnati, O.; C. S. Loder, Englewood, N. J.; Lauris Loomis, Elberon, N. J.; N. A. Miller, New York city; Rev. G. V. Morris, Lexington, Ky.; Rev. C. O. Mills, Cameron, Mo.; Rev. Frank Mason North, New York city; I. T. Parker, Wilmington, Del.; C. L. Parhan, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. J. W. Perry, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. Horace Reed, Decatur, Ill.; Rev. A. B. Richardson, Dover, N. J.; Rev. J. F. Shaw, New Brunswick, N. J.; F. R. Smith, M.D., Little River, Kan.; Pres. H. K. Taylor, Winchester, Ky.; Rev. F. M. Thomas, Owensboro, Ky.; Rev. R. I. Watkins, W. New Brighton, N. Y.; J. L. Wheat, Louisville, Ky.; R. E. Woods, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. I. Garland Penn, Atlanta, Ga., is in charge of the work among the Negroes.

The Conference Presidents are: East Maine, Rev. J. F. Alvey, Smyrna Mills, Maine; New Hampshire, Rev. E. C. E. Dorion, Plymouth, N. H.; Troy, Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Dalton, Mass.; New York, Rev. G. P. Eckman, New York city; New York East, Rev. J. E. Holmes, 117 Saint James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Newark, Rev. A. B. Richardson, Dover, N. J.; New Jersey, Rev. John Handley, Vineland, N. J.; Wilmington, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Wilmington, Del.; Philadelphia, Rev. Gladstone Holm, 1332 N. 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wyoming, Rev. W. H. Hiller, Honesdale, Pa.; Erie, Rev. W. K. Crosby, Clarion, Pa.; Pittsburg, Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, Pittsburg, Pa.; North Indiana, Rev. P. E. Powell, Garrett, Ind.; Illinois, Rev. M. G. Coleman, Tuscola, Ill.; Central Illinois, Rev. J. W. Frizzelle, Galesburg, Ill.; Southern Illinois, Rev. J. F. Harmon, East Saint Louis, Ill.; Rock River, Rev. J. P. Brushingham, Chicago, Ill.; Central Ohio, Rev. E. O. Christ, Findlay, Ohio; Iowa, Rev. Elias Handy, Washington, Iowa; Northwest Iowa, Rev. E. S. Johnson, Storm Lake, Iowa; Upper Iowa, Rev. G. Hugh Birney, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Des Moines, Rev. C. L. Nye, Des Moines, Iowa; Northern German, Rev. H. A. Potthoff, Morgan, Minn.; Chicago German, Rev. A. H. Finger, South Bend, Ind.; Dakota,

Rev. G. F. Hopkins, Aberdeen, S. D.; Kansas, Rev. J. A. Stavely, Junction City, Kan.; South Kansas, Rev. T. E. Chandler, Paola, Kan.; Southwest Kansas, Rev. J. A. Holmes, Little River, Kan.; Central Swedish, Rev. E. P. Swan, Chicago, Ill.; North Nebraska, Rev. J. B. Priest, Havelock, Neb.; Missouri, Rev. C. O. Mills, Cameron, Mo.; Holston, Dr. H. A. Greene, Knoxville, Tenn.; Saint Louis, Rev. H. A. King, Kansas City, Mo.; Columbia River, Rev. U. F. Hawk, Spokane, Wash.; California, Rev. J. H. N. Williams, Pacific Grove, Cal.; Southern California, Rev. R. S. Fisher, Los Angeles, Cal.; Louisiana, Rev. T. J. Johnson, New Orleans, La.; Austin, Mr. F. Jensen, Fort Worth, Tex.; Panama, Rev. J. C. Elkins, Panama, Panama; Eastern Swedish, Rev. H. Young, 116 E. 54th Street, New York city; North Ohio, Rev. W. H. Eglin, Centerburg, Ohio; East Ohio, Rev. J. A. Ullman, Steubenville, Ohio; Kentucky, Rev. Dr. E. B. Patterson, Louisville, Ky.; Utah Mission, Rev. J. G. Cairns, Salt Lake City, Utah; Arizona Mission, Rev. F. H. Schafer, Box 591, Tucson, Arizona; Nevada Mission, Rev. P. H. Willis, Quincy, Cal.; California German, Rev. Otto Wilke, Los Angeles, Cal.; Chinese Mission, Rev. Chan Hon Fan, San Francisco, Cal.; Puget Sound, Mr. T. S. Lippy, Seattle, Wash.

Official Organ.—The Layman's Quarterly, published at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. 25 cents per year.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Baltimore Home for the Aged, Baltimore, Md.—The building is located at the corner of Fulton Avenue and Franklin Street. Valuation $100,000. Improvements at a cost of $20,000 have been made the present year. Number of inmates, 80. An applicant for admission into the Home must be sixty-five years of age or more, an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore for ten years prior to the time of application, and have no means of support. A payment of $200 and suitable wardrobe are required. A hospital ward has been one of the improvements in the Home, including a dispensary. The dining room has been enlarged, and a wing added leaving four stories, and containing twenty additional rooms to meet the demands for admissions. Officers: *President*, Mrs. Hamilton Easter; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. G. L. Taneyhill; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. W. M. Winks, 37 East North Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. W. E. Wagner. *Board of Trustees*: Benjamin F. Bennett, Nicholas M. Smith, John Neff, M.D., Charles E. Hill, David Abercrombie, David H. Carroll, D.D., William M. Winks, A. Rozel Cathcart, George W. Corner, Alcæus Hooper, W. C. Eliason, J. S. Rawlings.

Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church Home.—Location, Park Place and New York Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; incorporated May 10, 1883; present building dedicated May 18, 1889. Cost, exclusive of ground, $60,000; no debt. Receipts for year ending March 31, 1906, $11,342.12. Number of inmates, 52; capacity, 60. *President*, Mrs. Francis W. Young; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. John M. Bulwinkle, Mrs. Louis Stephen Pilcher, Mrs. Henry L. Quick, Mrs. Gerald Whiting; *Treasurer*, Mrs. A. P. Strout; *Assistant Treasurer*, Mrs. Charles A. Lent; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. H. C. M. Ingraham; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. George D. Beattys, 845 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Methodist Episcopal Old People's Home, Chicago, Ill.—Incorporated

in May, 1898, and f nded for aged Methodists. The Home ow s $35,000 worth of property. Endowment Fund, $74,000. Capacity of present building, 74. The two proposed wings are still needed to complete the plant.

Fifty rooms have been furnished by churches, leagues, aid societies and individuals. The Methodist Old Peoples' Home Auxiliary is a valuable adjunct in the work. Resident members, 50. Workers—deaconesses, 4; employees, 8.

Honorary President, Bishop William F. McDowell; *President*, Rev. W. O. Shepard; *Secretary*, Rev. G. D. Cleworth; *Superintendent*, Isabelle A. Reeves.

Swedish Bethany Home for Aged, Chicago.—This Home of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, was incorporated November 3, 1890, and was founded by Mr. John R. Lindgren of Chicago, in memory of his parents Captain and Mrs. C. M. Lindgren. Mr. Lindgren donated $20,000, on condition that an equal sum was raised among the Swedish Methodist Churches. In August, 1891, a very fine tract of land was purchased in Ravenswood, Chicago, corner of Paulina Street and Winnemae Avenue, for the sum of $13,000. The new building was dedicated in June, 1893. Estimated value of property including building and grounds $45,000. Endowment Fund including one building $31,000. The object of the institution is to provide a Home for needy aged people. No specified sum is required for entrance fee. *President*, Rev. Alfred Anderson; *Treasurer*, Mr. John R. Lindgren; *Financial Agent*, Rev. John Bendix.

Methodist Home for the Aged, Granville, O.—This Home, formerly located at Yellow Springs, is temporarily located at Granville, pending its permanent removal to College Hill, Cincinnati, O., where the new building is now in process of erection. It will accommodate 335 persons. Two thirds of the building will be finished during 1907, including a memorial chapel that will seat 350 worshipers, all to cost about $300,000. The new building will be equipped with elevators, a steam laundry, electrical plant, the Beck hot water system, vacuum cleaning equipment, and other modern conveniences—indeed, everything that will lighten the work of the good deaconesses who will have the charge of the internal affairs of the Home. The plan eliminates everything that creates fire risk. The grounds are high, ideally located, and contain over 20 acres, with 1,064 feet frontage, on an electric railway that runs to the city. The fixed policy is that each inmate shall be required to pay for benefits received in full or in part according to his or her ability. Every case will be considered on its own merits in all respects; hence the admission fee varies according to the financial ability of the applicant or of those who have a natural obligation to aid in his or her support, from $3,000 down to the minimum of $300, except in cases where an applicant be named to occupy an endowed room which is free. The Home does not exist to make it easy for well-to-do families to neglect the care of their own. According to financial statement of June 1, 1907, the Home had resources of $332,397.55, including grounds valued at $20,000, and a building in course of construction, on which $207,695.74 has been expended. The expenses and revenue for year ending June 1, 1907, were for operating account $7,103.12 and the expenses were $7,426.49. The Board of Management is as follows: Elected by the East Ohio Conference: J. C. Corns, Massillon; C. E. Manchester, D.D., Canton;

Mrs. S. J. Austin, Cleveland; by the Ohio Conference: Mrs. Madeline Baker Sharp, Washington C. H., O.; Henry B. Rusler, Johnstown, O.; Franklin McElfresh, D.D., Zanesville; by the North Ohio Conference: Mrs. Ida M. Mitchell, Cleveland; H. C. Hedges, Mansfield; Duston Kemble, D.D., Bucyrus; by the Cincinnati Conference: Rev. Dr. C. E. Schenk, Cincinnati; Mrs. O. J. Wilson, Cincinnati; C. W. Bennett, Piqua, O.; by the Central Ohio Conference: Mrs. Leroy A. Belt, Kenton; Harry R. Lee, Toledo; Rev. Dr. J. F. Harshberger, Defiance. Charter members: H. C. Weakley, D.D., Cincinnati; A. J. Lyon, D.D., J. H. Fitzwater, D.D., Delaware; A. H. Norcross, D.D., Columbus; Robert Johnson, Esq., Springfield. *President*, H. C. Weakley; *Secretary*, A. J. Lyon; *Treasurer*, A. H. Norcross.

Deaconess Old People's Home, Hillyard, Wash.—This Home, three miles north of Spokane, is valued at $5,000 and is free from incumbrance. During the past year 17 aged men and women were cared for. The Home was maintained at an expenditure of $1,469.54 last year. Good work is being done. Endowment is needed. *Superintendent*, Mary A. Curnick.

Methodist Episcopal Church Home, Amsterdam Avenue, 92d to 93d Streets, New York city.—The object of this society is to provide for the aged and infirm members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (whose circumstances require such aid) a comfortable residence with board, clothing, employment, medical attendance, and the accustomed means of grace. No entrance fee is required. *President*, Mrs. M. K. Robinson, 456 W. 144th Street; *First Vice-President*, Mrs. Edward Kilpatrick, 514 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers; *Second Vice-President*, Mrs. E. S. Osbon, Fishkill on the Hudson; *Treasurer*, Mrs. M. S. Rogers, 170 W. 59th Street; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. J. Edgar Leaycraft, 311 West End Avenue; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Helen M. DeVeau, 143 E. 63d Street.

Methodist Episcopal Home for the Aged, Philadelphia.—This institution, organized June 14, 1865, is located at Belmont, Monument and Edgely Avenues, fronting on Fairmount Park, and adjoining the Methodist Episcopal Orphanage grounds, the grounds of both institutions having been donated by the late Colonel Joseph M. Bennett. The present building was dedicated November 2, 1899. Our family, including the caretakers, numbers 165 persons. Number of inmates, 144. The Home has all the lastest and most modern appliances, and the grounds are handsomely kept up. A bronze statue of Bishop Matthew Simpson adorns the Belmont front of the Home grounds. This was donated in April, 1900. Annual gatherings are held at the Home in November and June of each year; dinner is provided, and large sums are realized for the benefit of the Home. There were only three deaths during the year. The oldest inmate, Mrs. Elizabeth Wonderly, celebrated her one hundred and fourth birthday in May, 1907, and is in good health. Women are received at sixty-five and men at seventy years of age. The admission fee is $300. *President*, Mrs. John J. Zeigler; *Treasurer*, Mrs. W. H. Senderling, 1934 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Recording Secretary*, Miss B. D. Simons; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. E. B. McCombs, 130 S. 22d Street Philadelphia, Pa.

Old People's Home, Saint Louis German Conference, Quincy, Ill.—This Home was founded in 1889 by Charles Pfeiffer, who donated a

two-story brick building with four lots. Incorporated 1890. Several additional lots were later bought, upon which three buildings have been erected, a large dining room, and two dormitories, at a cost of $17,800. Estimated value of property, $35,000. The present number of inmates is 45. *President*, Rev. W. C. Schultze, Rock Island, Ill.; *Treasurer*, H. C. Pfeiffer, Quincy, Ill.; *Secretary*, Rev. F. Brinkmeyer, Belleville, Ill.; *Superintendent*, Rev. William Balcke, Quincy, Ill.

Deaconess Old People's Home, Spokane, Wash.—The legal name of this institution is Maria Beard Deaconess Old People's Home of Spokane, Wash., established in 1899, and is an outgrowth of the Maria Board Deaconess Home and Hospital of that city. Present number of old people sheltered, 8. Applications for aid are being refused because of limited capacity of quarters now occupied. There is an encouraging prospect of securing a suburban home with enlarged accommodations for both sexes. For the present women only are admitted. Value of the Home, $4,000. *President*, W. S. McCrea; *Secretary*, Mrs. M. B. O'Neill; *Deaconess in Charge*, Clara A. Brown.

Methodist Home, Washington, D. C.—Located on the corner of Sixth and M Streets, N. W. Incorporated January 21, 1889. The present building dedicated March 21, 1902. Additional property has been purchased during the past year, which increased the value of our property to $70,000. Inmates, 43; capacity, 60. An applicant for entrance into the Home must be sixty-five years of age or over, a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the District of Columbia for ten years prior to time of application, and have no means of support. A payment of $200 and suitable wardrobe is required. The Home is governed by a Board of Managers composed of the wife of the resident bishop, of the presiding elder, and of each pastor, together with from two to twelve women from each Methodist Episcopal church in the District of Columbia. *President*, Mrs. D. B. Street; *Treasurer*, Mrs. T. C. Smith; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. W. G. McDowell; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. J. C. Tasker; *Matron*, Miss Alma Jones.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

THIS Commission, ordained by the General Conference of 1904, submits the following minute for 1907:

The Commission on Aggressive Evangelism records a year of evangelistic triumph. In 44 Annual Conferences the representatives of the Commission have pleaded for the evangelistic leadership of the pastor. Its slogan has been "Every Minister his own evangelist." The cry has been raised by the leaders of the Commission that the most imperative evangelistic need in Methodism is for evangelistic men; men in the ministry and laity aflame with the fervor of the fathers of Methodism, united with the faith that triumphs over every obstacle.

Mid-summer Evangelism.—At Storm Lake, Iowa, in connection with the Northwest Iowa Conference, the Commission has inaugurated a summer assembly for developing a truer evangelism in matter and

method for ministers and Christian workers. 130 ministers in addition to an equal number of other leaders in Christian work attending the Assembly last June. The evangelistic work at Lakeside, Ohio; Des Plaines, Ill.; Lincoln, Neb.; and other leading centers of religious work in mid-summer meetings have been in charge of the field workers of the Commission.

Student Evangelism.—During the winter of 1906–7 sixteen colleges and schools were visited in which special evangelistic services were held and the calendar of the year 1907–8 includes twenty institutions of learning in Methodism. This work of student evangelism was inaugurated by Dr. Theodore S. Henderson, field superintendent of the Commission, who, with his colleagues, have carried the work to such conquest that it has been one of the most notable triumphs of the year. President Wm. H. Crawford of Allegheny College, where the first college meeting was held in December, 1906, writes: "No greater blessing could come to the colleges and universities of Methodism than to have given to them the services of Dr. Henderson for the next four or five years. These institutions of higher learning have under their care the young men and women who are to be potent in the Church leadership of tomorrow.

Co-operative Evangelism.—The plan of coöperative evangelism in representative cities has been developed by the field superintendent of the Commission, who has brought to his assistance many of the leading evangelistic pastors of Methodism. In 1906–7 such evangelistic campaigns were conducted in Topeka, Kans.; Danville, Ill.; Saint Paul, Minn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Riverside, Cal.; Wichita, Kans., while the calendar for 1907–8 includes Syracuse, N. Y.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Erie, Pa.; Springfield and Boston, Mass.; Lima, Ohio; Quincy, Springfield, Joliet, Rockford, Dixon, Evanston and Chicago, Ill.; Kansas City, Kans.; Mount Vernon, Ia.; San Bernandino, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, Fresno and Santa Barbara, Cal. Athens, University of Chattanooga, Walden University, Garrett Biblical University, Syracuse University, Wilbraham Academy, Pennington Seminary, Wyoming Seminary, Claflin University, Clark University, Gammon School of Theology, Dickinson College, Denver University, Northwestern University, with other appeals being received daily.

Literature.—The Commission in coöperation with the Methodist Book Concern have published two sets of literature touching the most vital phases of evangelism; one, a package of select literature entitled "Weapons for the Win One Circle" which is designed especially for training classes in personal evangelism; the other, "Tools for Workmen," a package of literature intended particularly for pastors which includes messages on both the matter and method of evangelism from the most successful evangelistic pastors in Methodism. During the year Rev. J. W. Mahood, of the Northwest Iowa Conference, and Rev. Wentworth F. Stewart, of the Detroit Conference, have been elected field secretaries of the Commission.

Members of the Commission:—Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, Boston, Mass.; Bishop L. B. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, Cincinnati, O.; Rev. L. B. Bates, Boston, Mass.; Rev. J. S. Chadwick, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. C. E. Mogg, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Rev. C. M. Boswell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. A. H. Norcross, Columbus, O.; Rev. R. L. Selle, Great Bend, Kans.; Rev. R. E. Gillum, Saint Louis, Mo.;

Rev. C. K. Carlos, Saint Louis, Mo.; Rev. J. W. Jennings, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Robert Stephens, Danville, Ill.; Rev. M. M. Callen, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Rev. J. F. Stout, Saint Paul, Minn.; Rev. G. E. Hiller, Boonville, Ind.; Mr. Hugh E. Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. J. W. Powell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. Luther Freeman, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rev. J. P. Brushingham, Evanston, Ill.; Mr. Wm. Phillips Hall, Greenwich, Conn.; Rev. S. H. Kirkbridge, Pueblo, Col.

Committee on Field Work:—Rev. J. S. Chadwick, *chairman;* Rev. C. E. Mogg, *secretary;* Mr. E. F. Robinson, *treasurer;* Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, *ex-officio;* Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, Bishop L. B. Wilson, Rev. Robert Stephens, Rev. A. H. Norcross, Mr. Wm. Phillips Hall, Rev. C. S. Wing.

President, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu; *Secretary,* Rev. J. P. Brushingham; *General Superintendent,* Rev. T. S. Henderson; *Field Secretaries,* Hugh E. Smith, Rev. J. O. Randall, Rev. J. W. Mahood, Rev. W. F. Stewart; *Field Worker,* Miss May B. Lord. Headquarters of the Commission, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

THE NATIONAL CITY EVANGELIZATION UNION

THIS Society was organized at Pittsburg, March, 1892, having been first suggested at Cleveland, November, 1891, at the time of the meeting of the General Missionary Committee; it was recognized and approved by the General Conference in 1892 and 1896, and has been the subject of special legislation by that body in 1900 and 1904; it is organized on a voluntary basis, having had during its history no salaried officers; it is the concrete expression of the conviction that the life of the nation and the final success of the Church are conditioned upon the conquest of the cities of America by the Gospel of Christ.

The Society is thoroughly representative in its organization. Its officers include representative laymen from various cities and secretaries of leading local city unions. The bishops are ex-officio members of the Board of Managers, which consists of the officers and thirty other members, laymen or ministers. A special committee of twenty has provided the financial backing for the expenses of correspondence, visitation and publication. These are all elected at the time of the Annual Convention, which usually occurs in November.

The program of the National Union has included, agitation, education, direction and legislation. The Convention in Baltimore, December 4–6, 1907, is the sixteenth of a series of remarkable meetings held in different cities at which every phase of the city problem as related to the Church has been discussed by the ablest leaders of our own and other denominations. The publication of the papers and addresses delivered at these Conventions has widely and effectively emphasized the importance of the evangelization of cities. Pressure direct and indirect has been brought to bear upon the General Conference, resulting in the legislation contained in Paragraphs 377, 378, of the Discipline. In response to an appeal from the National Union, the cities

were made a distinct class in the list of the appropriations of the General Missionary Committee, this year $65,000 being set apart for this purpose to be distributed among nearly sixty cities now fulfilling, by organization and method of administration, the conditions required. In the majority of these the special work aided is that among the foreign speaking peoples and the appropriation is administered by the Local Unions. By correspondence and visitation Local Unions have been stimulated and directed in their work. During the past year several new Unions have been reported. Two or three have become inactive. The present number is eighty-four.

The form of organization of the National and the Local Unions for city evangelization may be stated most succinctly in quotation from the Discipline, Paragraphs 377, 378. The National Union "is composed of representatives from all the local organizations or unions, by whatever name known, working for city evangelization and city church extension under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church." "The object of the National Union is to promote the efficiency of the Local Unions, to bring them into helpful and fraternal relations, to encourage the formation of similar unions in all the cities, or in contiguous communities, where the Methodist Episcopal Church has three or more pastoral charges, and in general to keep before the Church its responsibility for the evangelization of the cities." It is made the duty of the corresponding secretary, who is the executive officer of the Society and is elected by the Union, "to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and in general to promote the interests of city evangelization throughout the Church by the circulation of literature, the visitation of cities and Annual Conferences, and by such coöperation with the Local Unions as may be found practicable." The Union reports quadrennially to the General Conference. Its statement to the last General Conference showed that about fifty-five cities were organized and that the amount raised by these societies approximated $700,000 for the four years. "The scope of the work of a Local Union may, among other objects, include properly the planting of churches and Sunday schools, the aid of weak churches, missions to foreign populations, the transforming of downtown churches into new centers with modern methods of service, the institution of kindergartens and industrial schools, evangelistic, social, and Christian settlement work, conducting rescue missions and institutions for the relief of the destitute and the recovery of the outcast. A Local Union may also combine with its plans for evangelization methods for promoting the connectional social life of the several churches."

Literature.—The Union has published a number of leaflets upon phases of city work. The Christian City, published in New York, and edited by Frank Mason North, D.D., the corresponding secretary of the National Union, has for several years been adopted as the organ of the Society. Address, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

Officers.—The following are the officers of the present year, as elected at the Convention in Chicago, November 16, 1906:

President, Hanford Crawford, St. Louis; *Vice-Presidents*, James B. Hobbs, Chicago; A. P. Sloan, Brooklyn; Summerfield Baldwin, Baltimore; J. W. Pearsall, Ridgewood, N. J.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Frank Mason North, D.D., New York city; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. C. A. Littlefield, Lynn, Mass.; *Treasurer*, Horace Benton, Cleveland. *Additional Members of Executive Committee*, Rev. A. W. Byrt, D.D.,

Brooklyn; Rev. Dillon Bronson, D.D., Boston; Rev. James Rowe, D.D., Chicago; Rev. J. G. Bickerton, D.D., Philadelphia. *Board of Managers*, The Bishops (*ex-officio*); Charles Gibson, Albany; A. A. Horne, Allegheny; James E. Ingram, Baltimore; David Abercrombie, Baltimore; Rev. C. W. Baldwin, Baltimore; R. S. Douglass, Boston; John M. Bulwinkle, Brooklyn; Rev. Ward Platt, Buffalo; Perley Lowe, Chicago; Rev. A. D. Traveller, Chicago; Rev. D. W. Clark, Cincinnati; James N. Gamble, Cincinnati; N. B. Abbott, Columbus; Rev. H. E. Warner, Denver; C. W. Leach, Detroit; W. H. Beach, Jersey City; Rev. S. B. Campbell, Kansas City; Rev. S. P. Long, Minneapolis; Rev. J. M. Meeker, Newark; Robert F. Raymond, New Bedford; Henry Wade Rogers, New Haven; S. W. Bowne, New York; J. Edgar Leaycraft, New York; Rev. C. M. Boswell, Philadelphia; John E. James, M.D., Philadelphia; Rev. T. N. Boyle, Pittsburg; Rev. A. J. Coultas, Providence; T. S. Lippy, Seattle; William Tackaberry, Sioux City; G. W. F. Swartzell, Washington. *Committee of Twenty*, James N. Gamble, *chairman;* Horace Benton, *treasurer;* Summerfield Baldwin, W. H. Beach, H. H. Benedict, Samuel W. Bowne, A. B. Browne, Hanford Crawford, William Deering, John F. Force, M.D., Charles Gibson, N. W. Harris, Durbin Horne, John S. Huyler, James E. Ingram, Francis Magee, J. A. Patten, J. W. Pearsall, A. P. Sloan, George F. Washburn.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MD.

THE founding of this representative institution of learning is coeval with the beginning of the second century of American Methodism. The organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America occurred at the celebrated "Christmas Conference" in Baltimore, Md., in 1784; in 1884, at Baltimore, the Woman's College was founded.

To the enterprise of Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D., is due the conception and the maturing of this imperial undertaking. For twenty-three years the burden of financing and developing this worthy object of his ambition and solicitude has devolved upon Dr. Goucher and to him belongs the credit of creating and building up an institution which today ranks first among those devoted exclusively to the education of women on the American Continent. And while it is no marvel that Dr. Goucher's strength has been impaired by the long-continued strain to which it has been subjected the announcement of his retirement from the presidency of the college made to the Board of Trustees on November 21, 1907, came as a surprise to the Church and is everywhere received with profound regret. The Doctor's work will survive however, and the institution he founded and developed will remain as an enduring memorial of the man and his life work. Following the appalling catastrophe which befell the city of Baltimore in 1904, the College found itself menaced with a debt of $500,000. To the cancellation of this indebtedness Dr. Goucher addressed all his energy and at the commencement exercises in 1906, he announced that "provision had been made for the payment of the debt" and that "$80,000 had been added to the endowment fund." This fund now approximates a million of dollars, and the college has no indebtedness.

As an earnest of the high esteem in which Dr. Goucher is held where he is best known we quote the following from an editorial in the Baltimore Sun of November 22, 1907:

The Resignation of President Goucher

"The resignation of Dr. John F. Goucher from the presidency of the Woman's College of this city, which is announced in *The Sun* today, is described as a personal loss to each member of the college. To the college itself the loss is momentous, and the sincere hope of all of the friends of this great work is that a successor to the retiring president may be found who will build a fitting structure upon the foundation which has been laid, in entire harmony with the ideals of the founder. Dr. Goucher, in his letter of resignation, speaks of the college as a foundation. But it is more than that. It is, in fact, an established institution of learning and established upon correct theories. The system of education at the Woman's College, while the course of study is as thorough and advanced as at other colleges, is designed to educate women and make them womanly and gentle, and not mannish.

"The planting of the Woman's College in Baltimore was the outcome of seven year's work by Dr. Goucher. For 18 years—that is, for the entire life of the college—he has been its president and its benefactor. He has been no less liberal in his endowments than in his devotion. And he has built to himself a noble and, it is to be hoped, an imperishable monument. He has created an alma mater whose children in the years to come will continue to arise and call her blessed."

THE DEACONESS MOVEMENT

General Historical Notes. The word deaconess occurs but once in the New Testament (Rom. 16. 1, R. V., Marg.), when Phoebe, "a deaconess of the church which is at Genchea" is commended to the believers at Rome, to which city she was going, bearing that priceless treasure the Epistle to the Romans. But though mentioned explicitly only once, the New Testament is full of the spirit of deaconess work. The word itself means in substance, "willing helper."

Deaconesses in the Early Church were well known as forming a very numerous and influential Order of women. As an illustration, forty deaconesses were at one time at work in connection with a large church in Constantinople.

Deaconess work decayed from the fifth century onward, as the spirit of monasticism increased. But the organized work of women in the Church, like the work of the church itself, had in it an enduring vitality. Again and again it broke forth in every little protesting sect, and even in Romanism its germs reappeared in the founding of the free Orders of Sisters of the 17th century, organizations which at first were quite free, though they soon yielded to monastic influence, soon becoming bound.

The Lutheran pastor, Theodore Fleidner, shared the growing feeling in Protestantism as to the need of woman's official, free work in the church. But he perceived also the value of organization. By the union of the two ideas, a great renaissance of the deaconess work was brought about, during the first half of the last century, by means of the Deaconess Sisterhood which he established.

Methodism in Germany, pattering after the Luthern Church, began deaconess work in 1873. There are now about 375 deaconess "Sisters" in Germany and Switzerland.

Methodism in America began its deaconess work in the Training School in Chicago (founded 1885), Lucy Rider Meyer being principal of the school and founder of the work. The work is attracting very wide attention in all denominations. Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, the successor of Dr. Cuyler, in Brooklyn, says, "One of the weak points of the church today is its small supply of lay workers. The Chicago Training School [in first founding the deaconess work and also in training large numbers of deaconesses.—Ed.] has helped the city largely in this greatest defect."

Characteristics of Deaconesses.—Deaconesses are (1) volunteer and unsalaried, though provided support in sickness and old age; (2) trained; (3) costumed; (4) at work usually in communities; (5) licensed by the church. The character of the work done by the deaconess may be much the same as that of other home or foreign missionaries, but the relation of the deaconess to the church is essentially different. These workers may be, and often are, trained, working in communities, even costumed or volunteer; but the deaconess alone receives in her license the seal of authority from the church. In her beautiful Consecration Service the Bishop says "I admit thee to the *office* of deaconess in the Church of God."

The Scope of Deaconess Work.—The deaconess has become, in large measure, the agent of the church in making real to the world the practical helpfulness, the real brotherliness, of our religion of Jesus Christ. Her work includes all service that needs to be done and that may properly be done by a woman. The principal forms of deaconess work are as follows:

Deaconesses (1) act as pastors' assistants; (2) visit from house to house; (3) assist in evangelistic work; (4) conduct meetings, especially those for women and children; (5) conduct kindergartens, kitchen-gardens, and other industrial and educational schools; (6) visit in prisons and police stations; (7) conduct orphanages, hospitals, and other institutions of mercy; (8) assist in office and clerical work as editors, bookkeepers, stenographers, etc.; (9) nurse among the sick, poor, etc. The hospital at Omaha, which cares for about 1,000 patients every year, is entirely managed by deaconesses. In India there is a deaconess physician and many deaconess teachers. An orphanage at Lake Bluff, Ill., a young woman's school at Aurora, Ill., and a large boys' school at Quincy, Ill., are entirely conducted by deaconesses. The funds for the erection of the large deaconess hospitals at Omaha and Great Falls ($250,000 and $70,000, respectively), have been collected almost entirely by deaconess sisters.

The Self-Governing Institutions.—This name has been adopted to differentiate the work which is not allied either to the Woman's Home Missionary Society or to the German Central Deaconess Board. This independent form was that in which the work originated in American Methodism, and the form under which about 63 per cent. of it is at present being carried on—about 5 per cent. being under the German Central Board and about 32 per cent. being under the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The deaconess work in the Self-governing Homes is exceedingly simple in organization, being organized with Local Annual Conference of the Boards and local ownership of property, and the link to the church is direct. This was the plan in the mind of Bishop Thoburn and the others who, building on the basis of the

work already begun in Chicago, advocated the movement through its initial stages in the General Conference of 1888.

Pending Legislation. The Deaconess Commission.—At the General Conference of 1904, the appointment of a Commission was ordered, for the better organization and unification of the work. The Commission consists of *Bishops*, Walden, Fowler, Andrews, Goodsell, Wilson; *Ministers*, W. O. Shephard, S. L. Thomas, C. L. Goodell, L. C. Murdock, Chr. Golder; *Laymen*, J. N. Gamble, N. W. Harris, R. S. Douglass, J. E. Leaycraft, G. W. Brown. It began work in July, 1905, and after several sessions, with a very thorough study of the subjects involved and much thoughtful deliberation, it published its report in October, 1907. This report is one of great excellence and one that, if adopted, will at once give greater stability and impetus to the deaconess movement. The duties of the Annual Conference Deaconess Board are little changed from those specified in the Discipline, only given with more exactness.

As regards administration, the recommendations of the Commission are, briefly stated:

1. General Episcopal supervision by the Board of Bishops, who shall arrange the Annual and Mission Conferences into districts, appointing a Bishop to each as its superintendent.

2. A General Deaconess Board, composed of five Bishops appointed by the Board of Bishops, together with four ministers, four laymen, and six women, three of whom shall be consecrated deaconesses, to be nominated by the Bishops and elected quadrennially by the General Conference; this Board to meet annually.

3. An Executive Committee appointed by the General Deaconess Board of not less than seven of its members, including one from each class, which shall have power to act for the Board in the interim of its meetings. This Committee shall have an office at the place designated by the General Board.

4. One or more consecrated deaconesses appointed to secretarial work, at the discretion of the General Deaconess Board, to work in the interests of the deaconess movement; this not to preclude the appointment or recognition of persons other than deaconesses to work for the promotion of the cause, also under the general direction of the Board.

5. An Annual Conference Deaconess Board of nine members of whom at least three shall be women, appointed by the Annual Conference.

The General Deaconess Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To authorize the establishment of deaconess institutions, on recommendation of the Annual Conference or its Deaconess Board.

2. To appoint at its discretion a Secretary or Secretaries, as before stated.

3. To authorize general conventions of two or more deaconess districts.

4. The final determination of all questions of difference.

5. The fixing of a maximum deaconess allowance.

6. The adopting of a distinctive deaconess garb.

7. The creation of a deaconess relief fund, and the authorization of necessary Homes for retired deaconesses.

As regards the deaconess herself, the Commission advise some additional legislation; especially that two years in a hospital or training

school shall count as one on her probation, that she receive a certificate of honorable discharge if withdrawing for good reasons, and that all deaconesses must be connected with some Deaconess Home or Institution. A probationer's garb is advised, also the employment of women who while not licensed are practically deaconess associates.

Second National Deaconess Convention.—This was held in Chicago, July 12–15, 1907, mainly for the purpose of further considering the subject of needed legislation for deaconess work, the first National Convention, held in Cincinnati, October 10–14, 1906, having failed to be fully representative of all interests of the work. Nearly two hundred deaconesses and others interested in deaconess work were present at the Chicago Convention. Delegates represented all branches of the work, including the German Motherhouse, the Deaconess Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the institutions administered wholly by Local and Annual Conference Boards.

Deaconess Literature.—Books on the general subject have been written by Bishop Thoburn, Lucy Rider Meyer, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Dr. Henry Wheeler and Dr. Christian Golder. Dr. Golder has written two books, one on the "History of the Deaconess Movement in the Christian Church" which is most reasonabe and comprehensive, and a volume smaller in compass on "The Deaconess Mother House in its Relation to the Deaconess Work." Both of these books can be had at the Methodist Book Concern.

The officers of the Central Deaconess Board are: *President*, Rev. C. Golder, Cincinnati, O.; *Vice President*, Rev. J. H. Horst, Covington, Ky.; *Secretary*, D. B. Meyer, Cincinnati, O.; *Treasurer*, John Kolbe, Cincinnati, O.

Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Society.—This Association, organized in 1895, must have a majority of deaconesses on its board of trustees and is thus a deaconess organization. Its object is to hold property for the care of retired deaconesses. It also receives property for any department of deaconess work, but its policy is to pass such property on to local boards as soon as such boards can be organized. *President*, Addie Grace Wardle. Headquarters of the Society, 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

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These two books are published at 4949 Indiana Avenue, Chicago. Price, 25 cents each.

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Published by the Pittsburg Printing Co. Pittsburg, Pa.

Periodicals.—*The Deaconess Advocate.*—Editors, Lucy Rider Meyer and Mary Alice Hoover. Published at 877 E. 50th Street, Chicago. *The Deaconess at Work* (a Department of Woman's Home Missions). Miss Martha Van Marter, Editor. These two periodicals form the

general organs of the work. Subscription price of the latter, 35 cents a year; of the former, 50 cents—in clubs of ten, 25 cents.

American Deaconess Movement.—But the movement in American Methodism was not a growth from the German root. It originated independently.

About the time Fliedner was founding his deaconess "mother-house" in Germany the women of England and America were holding their "female prayer meetings." Later came the founding of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies in the Methodist Church and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with Methodist women very prominent in it. They were prophecies of the organic innovation coming. The rise of the deaconess movement in American Methodism in 1887, from the Chicago Training School for Missions is familiar history.[1] The first Home in Chicago was founded in June, 1887, by J. S. and Lucy Rider Meyer. In May, 1888, the General Conference authorized the movement. Homes were soon established in Detroit, Cincinnati, New York, Boston, and Minneapolis. Then, at the seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, held in Boston, November 1–7, 1888, a standing committee was created that later was changed into a bureau. Nearly every large city in the land has now a center or centers of deaconess work. In May, 1900, the whole work was placed directly under the Board of Bishops, that body being made a "General Deaconess Board."

Definition of Deaconess Work.—Deaconesses are trained, costumed, volunteer workers. Their relations to the sisterhood makes it possible for them to work without salary, but with support only. They are licensed by a special body, the Deaconess Board from the Annual Conference, and set apart to this office by a special service of consecration. Their work is that of pastor's assistant, missionary, nurse, teacher, evangelist, singer, etc.

Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Society.—This association was organized in 1895. Its Board of Trustees must have, by charter, a majority of licensed deaconesses. It is thus a deaconess organization. Its object was to form a bond of union between deaconess workers in various fields of labor; also to hold property for the care of disabled deaconesses. The Society was also formed into a corporation, to hold property until such property could be placed under the management of a local board. In this way it has been instrumental in opening hospitals, orphanages, and schools.

Officers.—The following are the officers of the Society for 1904: *President*, Addie Grace Wardle; *Secretary*, J. S. Meyer; *Treasurer*, Wilbur R. Davis. The headquarters of the Society are at 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

THE RELATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO THE DEACONESS WORK.—THE DEACONESS WORK IN AMERICA

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, Bishop Simpson, and others, may be mentioned as the pioneers in urging the introduction of deaconess work

[1] See Lucy Rider Meyer's book, Deaconesses; also her article on the "Mother in the Church," Methodist Review, October, 1901. See also Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson's book, Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America (pp. 220–225), and especially Rev. Christian Golder's comprehensive work, History of the Deaconess Movement.

into American Methodism. Bishop Thoburn, our great missionary bishop, in 1886, at Bellefontaine, O., urged the adoption of deaconess workers into the Methodism of America, and Mrs. Dr. R. S. Rust, in October, 1887, in her annual address, commended the work of women as deaconesses. It was during the summer of 1887 that Mr. J. S. Meyer and Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer invited such of their students as wished to remain to give their time to missionary labors during the summer, assuming the name of deaconesses, and in the fall when the school opened again a flat was rented. Thus the work practically began in American Methodism. Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, who had spent the years 1886–88 in Europe, had become familiar with the deaconess work of Methodism in Germany, where she had carefully studied the movement, as also in Switzerland, France, and the Mildmay work in North London. Returning to America, she attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Boston in November, 1888, at which time the society appointed a Committee on Deaconess Work, with Miss Bancroft (now Mrs. George O. Robinson) as its chairman. In the following year the authority of the committee was enlarged, and a deaconess bureau was created, which today has connected with it nearly one quarter of the deaconess work of entire Methodism.

From the year of the endorsement of the deaconess work by the General Conference of 1888 until 1904, Mrs. Robinson was secretary of the Deaconess Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. During these sixteen years of strenuous labor the Deaconess Department grew to such a magnitude as to require a division of labor. Mrs. Robinson then asked to be relieved of these heavy responsibilities and, in consequence, upon her recommendation, five new deaconess bureaus and one Standing Committee were formed from the existing work. The results of the past two years have proved the wisdom of this enlargement of administration.

Each bureau secretary reports to the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work the Homes under her care and thus is formed a close organization through which are presented the details of this service, also the needs in various towns and cities.

These five bureaus are as follows:

The Eastern Deaconess Bureau includes all deaconess work east of the Genesee, the Erie, and the Pittsburg Conferences. The secretary for this bureau is Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 644 North Thirty-second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Central Deaconess Bureau includes the Conferences west of the above-mentioned Conferences and all east of the eastern boundary of Illinois. The secretary for this bureau is Mrs. F. J. Mund, 4800 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Western Deaconess Bureau includes all deaconess work west of the eastern boundary of Illinois to the western boundary of Colorado. The secretary for this bureau is Mrs. John W. Bush, 2762 Charlotte Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

The deaconess work of Utah, including the Davis Deaconess Home at Salt Lake City, and stations at Ogden, Provo and Maroni, has been for some years administered by the Bureau for Utah and will remain under its care.

The bureau for the Pacific Coast includes all the Conferences lying west of the meridian marking the western boundary of Colorado, exclu-

sive of the state of Utah. The secretary for this bureau is Mrs. John Stephens, 1143 North Center Street, Stockton, Cal.

The Bureau for Colored Deaconess Work includes all the deaconess work among colored people under the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The secretary for this bureau is Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, 1401½ Green Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson is the chairman of the Committee having charge of the National Training Schools at Washington, Kansas City and San Francisco. Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft has resigned her office of Field Secretary but remains General Superintendent of the entire work. Miss Bertha Fowler has been elected as assistant to Miss Bancroft and also to the office of Field Secretary. The office is 21 Adams Avenue East, Detroit, Mich.

The deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is one of the large divisions of deaconess work in Methodism, all of which is under the general direction of the Board of Bishops acting as a General Deaconess Board.

The duties of the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, of the Chairman of the Committee in charge of Training Schools, and of the five secretaries for deaconess work, are to furnish as rapidly as possible trained, efficient Christian women for the service of the church. Because of the large number of missionaries and deaconesses in its employ it is imperative that the Woman's Home Missionary Society have training schools to provide skilled workers for the places that must be filled.

It is also imperative as the years pass that arrangements be made for the support of those who because of frailty and advanced years can no longer serve. As a nucleus for a permanent deaconess fund every deaconess Home under the direction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is asked to pay $5 annually for each deaconess in connection with the Home. Also during the past two years an effort has been made to provide more largely for the Permanent Deaconess Fund by securing in each Conference a secretary who shall be responsible for raising every year for this purpose $100 in her own Conference. A Field Secretary for this Permanent Deaconess Fund has been appointed.

The Society has already *five* Rest-homes, the Bancroft Rest-home at Ocean Grove being the largest, and at present regarded as the Home for superannuated deaconesses. There is one Rest-home upon the Pacific Coast, the Wing Home at Long Beach, Southern California. The total value of the property owned by the deaconess institutions of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is $724,528; total number of deaconesses and probationers and students, 514; 5 hospitals, 3 National and 3 Conference Training Schools. The organ of the work in connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, is Woman's Home Missions, several pages of which deal exclusively with Deaconess Work, published at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city, price 35 cents.

GERMAN DEACONESS WORK IN THE UNITED STATES

The German Methodist Deaconess Homes and Hospitals in the United States are under the supervision of the German Central Deaconess Board. This Board was organized in 1897

and every German Annual Conference in the United States is represented by one preacher and one layman. In addition every Deaconess Home is represented by one delegate for every 15 consecrated deaconesses, but every Home is entitled to at least one representative. The Board meets every other year in Cincinnati, O.

The functions of this body are the prescribed uniform regulations for admittance, training, costume, work and discharge of deaconesses, also to create an Endowment Fund for the support of disabled and superannuated deaconesses. Every Home pays into this Fund $10 per annum for every deaconess in full connection. At present the Central Deaconess Board has homes and hospitals in the following cities in the United States:

The Deaconess Motherhouse and Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, O.; The Bethany Deaconess Home and Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y.; a Deaconess Home and Hospital in Louisville, Ky.; a Deaconess Home in Chicago, Ill.; a Deaconess Home in Kansas City, Kan.; a Deaconess Home in Milwaukee, Wis.; a Deaconess Home in Saint Paul, Minn.; a station in La Crosse, Wis.; and a station in Allentown, Pa. The total value of property owned by the various institutions is $340,000; total number of deaconesses 95, hospitals 5. The work comprises besides hospital service, nursing in private houses, parish work, kindergartens, nurseries, sewing schools, etc. The deaconesses are instructed in the following course of study: 1. German and English Grammar; 2. Bible History; 3. Church History; 4. History of Methodism; 5. History of the Deaconess Movement in the Christian Church (Golder); 6. How to Bring Men to Christ (Torrey); 7. The Life of Christ; 8. Manual of Nursing (Duemling); 9. Materia Medica; 10. Four lectures annually from staff of physicians; 11. Course of Bible lectures by the city pastors.

Mr. John Kolbe, treasurer of the Deaconess Motherhouse, presented a few months ago to the Central Deaconess Board an ideal Rest Home with 15 acres of ground near Cincinnati, where the deaconesses will spend their vacations and where the superannuated deaconesses will be taken care of. It is a most valuable property, ideally located on one of the interurban lines near Cincinnati.

At the request of the Central Deaconess Board its president, Rev. C. Golder, wrote a book on "The History of the Deaconess Movement in the Christian Church." The Board of Bishops have added the book to the course of study. It is published by Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, O. Price $1.75. Recently the same author published another book, entitled: "The Deaconess Motherhouse in its Relation to the Deaconess Work." Price 75 cents. The book can be had at the Methodist Book stores.

We hereby gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Miss H. A. Bancroft, and Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer for assisting us in collecting data pertaining to our Domestic Deaconess Institutions, and to Rev. Dr. C. Golder for statistics, etc., of the German Deaconess Institutions, both Foreign and Domestic.

SUMMARY OF INSTITUTIONS

Name and Location of Deaconess Institutions	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Licensed Deaconesses	Probationers	Students taking Biblical Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Sick Nursed in Hospitals	Sick Nursed in Homes	Calls of all Kinds Made	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year	Children Taught in Industrial Schools
I. In America											
Albany, N. Y.											
Open Door Mission and E. W. Griffin Deaconess Home, Mrs. Myra H. Chapman, Supt.	$9,000	$....	5	2	....	....	3	36	2,227	$3,803	81
Aurora, Ill.											
Young Woman's School (Jennings Seminary), Bertha A. Barber, Prin.	60,000	....	7	2	....	..	...	....	....	12,000	....
Baltimore, Md.											
Baltimore Deaconess Home, 708 West Lombard Street, Harriet C. Henry, Supt. Mount Tabor Industrial Building.	30,000	4,800	16	3	....	1	...	15	13,749	4,000	952
Black Earth, Wis.											
West Wisconsin Conference Deaconess Work.	[150	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1,483	713	....]
Boston, Mass.											
New England Deaconess Association Home, 693 Massachusetts Avenue, Mary A. Taggart, Supt.	23,388	5,000	24	10	....	....	....	922	25,871	5,116	2,699
Deaconess Hospital, 691 Massachusetts Avenue, Miss A. A. Betts, Supt.	181,000	55,000	22	18	..	24	359	....	....	19,816	107
Bible Training School, 175 Bellevue Street, Orianna F. Harding, Supt.	20,000	....	2	....	24	....	....	....	3,969	2,626	2,850
Bridgeport, O.											
Holloway Deaconess Home, Josie B. Hillman, Supt.	10,000	....	5	3	....	....	....	29	8,253	1,286	20
Brooklyn, N. Y.											
(English.)											
Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School, 238 President Street, Miss Priscilla Foster, Supt.	40,000	....	16	1	4	....	4	....	19,944	4,885	....
(German.)											
Bethany Deaconess Home and Hospital, 237 Saint Nicholas Avenue, Rev. John Lange, Supt.	70,520	27,000	12	3	....	12	360	24	....	12,121	....
Buffalo, N. Y.											
Genesee Conference Deaconess Home, 2978 Main Street, Mrs. Emma A. Turney, Supt.	20,777	8,000	10	1	....	1	....	503	13,616	3,528	376

Chicago, Ill.											
(English.)											
Chicago Deaconess Home, 273 East Erie Street, Miss Ida A. Jordan, Supt.	25,000	.	19	5	....	....	....	23	25,734	5,274	6,144
Statistics of Chicago Training School*	...	...	12	93	165	....	....	....	....	....	....
Methodist Episcopal Old People's Home, Edgewater, Isabelle A. Reeves, Supt.	109,000	....	4	....	...	....	....	....	5,900	. ..	9,600
(German.)											
Deaconess Institute	6,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	115	1,530	1,850	....
Cincinnati, O.											
(English.)											
Christ's Hospital, Mount Auburn, H. M. Pierce, Supt.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Association, Wesley Avenue, Mrs. K. R. Haynes, Supt.	600,000	....	43	28	28	10	1,500	800	15,820	60,000	150
Missionary Training School, Harriet L. Kemper, Supt.	..	....	...	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rest Home, Lakeside	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rest Home, Epworth Heights	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
(German.)											
Methodist Deaconess Home ("Mother-house") and Bethesda Hospital, Miss Louise Golder, Supt.	155,000	....	36	34	17	21	692	160	5,800	51,147	....
Cleveland, O.											
Cleveland Deaconess, Home, 268 Woodland Avenue, Miss E. L. Willmott, Supt.	[11,200]	....	13	5	3	1	28	52	22,038	5,602	500
Colorado Springs, Colo.											
Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital, Miss C. B. Keyhoe, Dir.	16,000	6,500	10	1	...	....	....	10	15,020	3,829	....
Sanitarium	15,400	3,500	2	5	....	2	266	....	1,905	11,308	....
Columbus, O.											
Ohio Conference Deaconess Home, 565 East Main Street, Mrs. E. J. Rogers, Supt.	1,500	...	3	4	....	....	....	....	5,397	2,050	470
Denver, Colo.											
Colorado Conference Deaconess Home, Miss Mae Adams, Supt	16,000	6,500	10	....	....	....	....	10	15,020	3,991	....
Des Moines, Ia.											
Bidwell Deaconess Home and Iowa Bible Training School, 1155 West Ninth Street, Miss Lulu McMillin, Supt.	14,000	1,725	6	2	20	1	....	93	11,207	3,074	....
Detroit, Mich.											
Detroit Deaconess Home, 53 Elizabeth Street, West	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Tillman Avenue Mission, Mrs. Margaret D. Moors, Supt.	21,000	....	11	5	....	....	....	....	13,545	4,201	650
Fall River, Mass.											
Fall River Deaconess Home, Mrs. Eva C. Fields, Supt.	52,000	....	7	11	5	....	....	836	2,661	2,535	432
Grand Rapids, Mich.											
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School, Mrs. Laura C. Aldrich, Supt.	17,000	....	5	5	9	2	....	477	5,687	1,532	952

* Not a deaconess institution. Only teachers, workers, and students who are deaconesses or probationers are included.

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Granville, O.											
The Methodist Home for the Aged, College Hill, Cin., Miss Anna L. Hawes, Supt	$295,431	....	2	2	....	2	....	....	....	$7,426	....
Great Falls, Mont.											
Montana Deaconess Hospital, E. Augusta Ariss, Supt	12,000	....	9	....	....	8	430	....	....	8,492	....
Huntington Park, Cal.											
Wing Deaconess Rest-home, Mrs. A. E. Foote, Supt	1,600	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	85	....
Indianapolis, Ind.											
Methodist Hospital and Deaconess Home of State of Indiana	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,500	....
Jeffersonville, Ind.											
Jeffersonville Deaconess Hospital	....	....	[1	4	....	4	106	....	....	3,138	....]
Jersey City, N. J.[1]											
Newark Conference Deaconess Home, Miss Anna C. Beale, Supt	500	....	8	1	....	....	....	22	6,925	1,577	244
Kansas City, Kan.											
[2] (English.)											
Bethany Hospital Co., R. V. Maloney, Supt	35,000	....	....	5	1	17	2,177	....	....	....	....
Kansas City, Mo.											
Fisk Training School, Miss Anna Neiderheiser, Supt	75,000	....	5	4	39	....	....	34	8,799	6,518	382
(German.)											
Deaconess Home ("Emanuel"), 925 Barnett Street, Miss Christina Burgbacher, Supt	6,000	....	4	....	....	....	....	41	564	1,274	....
Keokuk, Ia.											
W. C. Graham Protestant Hospital, Miss M. C. Jackson, Supt.	18,000	....	2	....	....	8	334	....	....	7,872	....
Knoxville, Tenn.											
Knoxville Deaconess Home, Miss R. E. Sigler, Supt	[220	....	1	....	....	....	2	16	740	289	....]
La Crosse, Wis.											
(German.)											
Deaconess Home	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,235	775	....
Lake Bluff, Ill.											
Agard Deaconess Sanitarium, Miss Mary Jefferson, Supt	13,000	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	300	2,132	....
Methodist Deaconess Orphanage. L. J. Judson	50,500	....	13	3	....	....	100	....	....	14,896	....

[1] Property owned by Jersey City Evangelization Union. Trinity Parsonage rented for Home and Training School.
[2] Affiliated. Property owned by separate boards.

Los Angeles, Cal.											
(English.)											
Southern California Conference Deaconess Home, Miss Mary J. Birdsall, Supt.	15,000	....	13	1	....	....	16	44	8,380	3,305	....
Wing Rest-home	2,250	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	300	....
Louisville, Ky.											
(German.)											
German Methodist Deaconess Home and Hospital, Miss A. Kalterhenry, Fin. Sec.	45,000	15,500	3	1	....	14	400	5	....	13,000	....
Martinsburg, W. Va.											
Martinsburg Deaconess Station, ———— Supt.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	8	648	525	....
Milwaukee, Wis.											
(English.)											
Milwaukee Deaconess Home, 186 Biddle Street, Miss Mary C. Powell, Acting Supt.	15,500	....	7	1	....	....	...	55	7,549	3,000	1,350
Thabea Deaconess Society, Louise Strothmann, Supt.	6,100	....	4	....	....	....	....	48	1,371	1,035	....
(German.)											
Deaconess Home, Grand Avenue	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	[227	1,315	1,365	....]
Minneapolis, Minn.											
Asbury and Rebecca Hospital and Deaconess Home. Deaconess Work, Miss Sybil C. Palmer, Supt.; Hospital, Mrs. S. H. Knight, Supt.	228,200	70,000	10	3	1	....	1,022	25	8,792	28,635	223
Newark, N. J.											
Newark Conference Deaconess Home, Mrs. M. T. Rice, Supt.	....	....	48	3	....	....	....	....	4,706	1,687	....
New Haven, Conn.											
D. W. Blakeslee, Deaconess Home, Miss Jessie E. Arbuckle, Supt.	8,000	....	4	1	....	....	....	....	7,894	....	....
New York, N. Y.											
New York Deaconess Home, 1175 Madison Avenue, Mrs. Lavinia G. Hambley, Supt.	100,000	....	39	6	25	....	....	57	32,145	16,300	3,653
Training School, 1175 Madison Avenue, Miss Edith M. Spicer, Prin.	1,000	....	24	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Working Girls' Home, Miss K. M. Schnert, Supt., 327 East Seventeenth Street	....	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,093	....
Rest Cottage (Long Branch)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Normal, Ill.											
N. A. Mason Deaconess Home and Girls' School, Miss Nellie O. Randle, Supt.	2,750	....	1	4	....	....	34	16	120	1,946	....
Ocean Grove, N. J.											
Bancroft Rest-home, Miss Anna Mosher, Supt.	15,000	5,500	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,335	....
Omaha, Neb.											
Methodist Hospital, Mrs. A P. McLaughlin, Supt.	209,000	10,000	13	4	....	35	770	148	7,042	20,665	....
Peoria, Ill.											
Deaconess Home and Hospital, Lucy A. Hall, Supt.	44,000	14,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

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Philadelphia, Pa.											
Philadelphia Deaconess Home, 611 Vine Street, Miss Bertha Fowler, Supt	$25,000	$....	9	1	....	....	81	102	15,078	$7,306	12,088
Pittsburg, Pa.											
Pittsburg Conference Deaconess Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 2000 Fifth Avenue, Miss Margaret S. Boswell, Supt	14,500	..	6	6	1	....	..	2,140	13,048	3,139	....
Portland, Me.											
Deaconess Home, Mrs. H. I. Benson, Supt	7,000	5,000	4	4	....	1	....	16	1,092	1,186	150
Providence, R. I.											
Providence Deaconess Home, 26 Bridgham Street, Miss B. L. Baker, Supt	6,000	5,000	5	1	....	....	....	....	4,553	1,927	1,480
Provo, Utah.											
East Ohio Mission and Deaconess Home, Mrs. Helen M. Kingsbury	2,000	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pueblo, Colo.											
Pueblo Deaconess Home, Anna Burgess, Supt	3,500	....	4	1	....	....	....	35	3,265	845	60
Quincy, Ill.											
Chaddock Boys' Home and School, Eleanor A. Tobie, Supt	115,000	5,000	7	5	....	....	....	....	....	25,000	135
Rensselaer, N. Y.											
Griffin Deaconess Home, Mrs. Alice A. Bateman, Supt	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Saint Joseph, Mo.											
Deaconess Home and Hospital Association, Miss May Charlesworth, Supt	[17,000	6,500	4	3	24	24	853	5	....	19,578	....]
Saint Louis, Mo.											
Epworth Evangelistic Institute, Iva Durham Vennard, Prin.	42,000	25,000	11	47	45	2	....	483	12,259	8,206	250
Saint Paul, Minn.											
Saint Paul Deaconess Station, Miss Dorothea Martin, Supt.	600	....	3	....	1	....	4	5	1,005	177	....
Salt Lake City, Utah.											
Davis Deaconess Home, Miss C. E. Robinson, Supt	14,000	....	8	3	....	....	....	....	1,749	1,381	....
San Francisco, Cal.											
National Training School and Deaconess Home, Rev. E. R. Willis, Pres	132,000	3,700	15	3	14	....	38	20	13,990	5,921	....
Seattle, Wash.											
Seattle General Hospital, operated by Seattle Deaconess Home Association; Miss E. H. Hall, Supt	13,500	....	....	....	12	43	2,076	....	....	6,250	....
Deaconess Home, Mary Hepburn, Supt	....	....	4	....	3	....	....	....	1,048	2,413	....
Sioux City, Ia.											
Shesler Deaconess Home, Miss Susie Morton, Supt	6,000	4,500	8	....	....	....	....	....	4,578	3,098	....

Spokane, Wash.											
Maria Beard Deaconess Home, Mary J. Comstock, Supt	46,000	...	3	....	...	15	440	....	...	15,500	....
Deaconess Hospital	....	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	...	....
Old People's Home, Mary A. Curnick, Supt	5,000	...	...	1	...	....	....	....	...	1,800	....
Springfield, Mo.											
Burge Deaconess Hospital, Miss M. E. Tuckey, Supt	8,800	...	1	1	....	4	44	....	...	726	....
Toledo, O.											
Central Ohio Conference Hospital and Deaconess Home, Miss Isabel C. Leitch, Supt	....	...	5	...	...	....	190	....	1,435	7,902	....
Urbana, Ill.											
Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage, William A. Davis, Supt	26,000	....	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	5,147	....
Verbank, N. Y.											
Watts de Peyster Home for Invalid Children, Miss Florence Mahin, Supt	45,300	...	3	3	....	....	....	1	....	3,505	....
Washington, D. C.											
Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses, Deaconess Home, C. W. Gallagher, D.D., Pres	227,000	5,000	5	7	43	41	1,011	....	2,000	41,275	....
Sibley Memorial Hospital, Miss Stella Shipley, Dir											
Washington Deaconess Home, Mrs. J. C. Tasker, Acting Supt.	8,500	4,500	6	1	....	...	....	....	9,547	2,439	....
Wichita, Kan.											
Southwest Kansas Conference Deaconess Home, Mrs. G. C. Campbell, Cor. Sec.	5,000	....	7	...	1	....	4	5	1,828	1,192	....
Deaconesses not in Established Homes	....	..	[35	23	....	....	....	....	5,573]	....	....
Stations											
(Deaconess work is tabulated under "Stations" if it includes centers where only one deaconess is at work, or where there is some property but no deaconess regularly stationed.)											
Allentown, Pa	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Atchison District, Kan	...	...	1	....	....	..	...	.	1,438	350	....
Alpena, Mich	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	681	300	....
Altoona, Pa	...	...	1	....	....	....	...	....	60	300	....
Atlanta, Ga	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	224	....	....
Barre, Vt	...	...	1	1	....	....	....	....	195	300	....
Berwick, Pa	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	756	402	198
Binghamton, N. Y	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Boise City, Idaho	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Chattanooga, Tenn	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,515	600	....
Cincinnati, O	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,895	145	....
Decatur, Ill	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	400	....
Duluth, Minn	...	...	1	....	....	...	...	4	1,784	382	....
Erie, Pa	...	...	1	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
Hazelton, Pa	...	...	....	1	....	....	....	....	671	370	59
Indianapolis, Ind	...	...	2	....	....	....	....	....	397	111	....
Ironwood, Mich	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Name and Location of Deaconess Institutions	Value of Property and Endowment	Debt	Licensed Deaconesses	Probationers	Students taking Biblical Training	Students taking Nurse Training	Sick Nursed in Hospitals	Sick Nursed in Homes	Calls of all Kinds Made	Current Expenses for Fiscal Year	Children Taught in Industrial Schools
Marion, O.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	985	339	....
Moundsville, W. Va.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,328	376	....
Mount Vernon, Ill.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,128	413	....
Newcastle, Pa.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,508	270	1,987
Salina, Kan.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Scranton, Pa.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,601	489	....
South Kansas Conference	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	200	....
Southern Illinois	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, Neb.	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	62	....	....
Kansas City, Mo.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Kansas Conference	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1,433	350	....
Oklahoma	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	329	....	....
Colored Deaconess Stations											
New York City	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	342	300	....
Saint Louis, Mo.	....	....	1	....	....	6	19	30	1,753	300	72
Newark, N. J.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	158	....	....
Montclair, N. J.	....	....	1	....	3	44	12	30	228	....	....
Houston, Tex.	....	....	1	....	2	43	5	5	1,545	250	....
Maysville, Ky.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Orleans, La.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Deaconesses at work not reported in above list	....	....	18	....	....	....	....	12	5,873	1,200	....
II. In Europe											
Bergen, Norway, Miss Thora Simonsen, Supt.	400	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Berlin, Deaconess Home, Ebenezer	43,500	31,000	25	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Frankfort-on-Main, Deaconess Home and Hospital (Motherhouse)	65,000	32,000	30	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hamburg, Bethany Home and Hospital	170,000	40,000	42	28	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Heilbronn, Deaconess Home	[1]500	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Koeln	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lausanne, Deaconess Home	[2]400	....	7	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Magdeburg, Deaconess Home	16,500	8,250	11	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Muenchen, Deaconess Home	14,250	10,000	8	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Neuenheim, "Gottestreu" Rest-home	6,500	4,000	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Norway, Rev. Ole Olsen, Director; Miss Hanna Thoresen, Supt	14,270	7,150	22	20	8	8	....	....	....	3,540	....
Nuernberg, Deaconess Home and Hospital	27,500	6,500	12	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pforzheim	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Saint Galien, Deaconess Home	16,500	12,300	9	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Strasburg, Bethany Home	[2]175	....	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Vienna, Deaconess Home	[2]1,625	....	7	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

[1] No property. [2] No property; inventory.

Stations												
Zurich, Bethany Home	10,200	5,200	10	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Adliswell	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Karlsruhe	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pirmasens	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wadensweil	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zwickau	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
III. In Foreign Mission Fields												
1. In India												
Calcutta Deaconess Home, Elizabeth Maxey, Supt	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Flora Deaconess Home, Darchula, M. Sheldon, M.D., Supt	1,500	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
William Gamble Memorial Deaconess Home, Kolar, Fannie Fisher, Supt	7,500	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madras Deaconess Home, Grace Stephens, Supt	12,500	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moradabad Deaconess Home, Mary Means, Supt	5,000	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muttra Deaconess Home and Training School, Mary Eva Gregg, Supt	12,000	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pithoragarh Deaconess Home, Lucy Sullivan, Supt	5,000	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. C. Nind Deaconess Home, Singapore, S. Blackmore, Supt	10,000	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lucknow Deaconess Home, Helen Ingram, Supt	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stations												
Aligarh	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bangalore	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bombay	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cawnpore	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gonda	2,500	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpar	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naini Tal	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pauri	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poona	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Penang	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangoon	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thandaung	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. In China												
Flora Deaconess Home, Chungking	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Isolated Workers	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. In Africa												
Isolated Workers	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total this year	3,935,998	453,625	985	446	510	395	13,380	7,744	592,719	549,052	48,339	
Grand total last year	3,623,279	459,375	792	436	315	197	11,998	5,472	418,308	478,160	37,852	
Increase	312,719	...	187	10	195	198	1,382	2,272	174,411	70,892	10,487	
Decrease	..	5,750	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	

TRAINING SCHOOLS—STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Name of Institution	Location	Present Chief Officer	Value of property	Endowment	No. of Resident Teachers	No. of Students last year.
Brooklyn (Deaconess Home and Training School)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Priscilla Foster	$10,000	$10,000	1	6
Chicago Training School for Missions	Chicago, Ill.	Lucy Rider Meyer, A.M.M.D.	240,000	17,000	11	232
Cincinnati Missionary Training School	Cincinnati, O.	Harriet L. Kemper	.....	.....	7	12
Epworth Evangelistic Institute	Saint Louis, Mo.	Iva Durham Vennard	35,000	.....	4	28
Folts Mission Institute	Herkimer, N. Y.	Ida V. Jontz	50,000	6,000	7	43
Iowa Bible Training School	Des Moines, Ia.	Mabel Q. Hilbish	12,500	.....	2	10
Kansas City National Training School	Kansas City, Mo.	Anna Neiderheiser	75,000	.....	4	39
Lucy Webb Hayes National Train. School	Washington, D. C.	C. W. Gallagher, D.D.	227,000	.....	12	87
New England Training School	Boston, Mass.	Orianna F. Harding	20,000	.....	3	19
New York (Deaconess Home and Training School)	New York	Edith M. Spicer	.....	.....	4	25
San Francisco National Training School	San Francisco, Cal.	E. R. Willis	132,000	.....	3	8
Seattle Training School	Seattle, Wash.	Elizabeth Jones	.....	.....	3	4

WOMAN'S CHURCH AND MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

THE idea of special training for woman's special religious work dates back only to 1885, at which time the "Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions" was founded. The movement at first met with some opposition and more indifference, but a few years sufficed to demonstrate the great value of this technical training, and to create a strong sentiment in its favor. The Chicago school, the pioneer, has grown rapidly and others have been established.

General Schools

1. The Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions, 4949 Indiana Avenue, Chicago.—This School was the pioneer in the special training of women for missionary and philanthropic work. It is a general school. It was incorporated in 1885, and has been in existence two years when the Deaconess Work of American Methodism sprang up within its walls, as one feature of its many-sided work. Beginning with four students, no property and no public sentiment in favor of the technical training of women workers, it has rapidly grown in favor with God and man. About 2,200 students have already studied within its walls. It has sent 229 women into the foreign mission work and over 100 into home mission work not deaconess in character, while to the deaconess work itself it has sent considerably over a thousand women. Its resident faculty numbers eleven, its lecturers, 26. The attendance last year reached 223, from twenty-

eight different states and countries. The influence of the School cannot, however, be measured by statistics. Some things are not said by two and three make five. The effort in Chicago has done much toward creating the present strong sentiment as to the necessity for technical training for missionaries and deaconesses. The establishment of other training schools in the Methodist Church bears witness to its power.

The School is not alone a testing and training place. In it scores of perplexed young women have not only found light on the Bible and on the various fields of work at home and abroad, but also light as to their life work. No conditions as to future work meet the incoming student. Any Christian woman desiring to study the Bible, social science or methods, is welcome.

The School owns property in value about $235,000, including the very recent munificent gift of Miss Cordelia P. Monnett, which will probably reach in value $80,000. The present building occupied by the School, beautiful Harris Hall, furnishes about an acre and a half of floor-space, but is insufficient to accommodate the increasing number of students. Building plans are already accepted for a new dormitory, Monnett Hall, and it is hoped that a chapel and library building will also be erected in 1908.

Endowment is greatly needed, and a vigorous effort is being made to secure for this purpose an endowment of $200,000.

The School is technical, for study in methods, and in religious and missionary and sociological subjects. It offers three courses of study for resident pupils, one for college graduates, one for High School graduates, and one which includes some literary work together with Bible and technical studies. There is also a large correspondence school.

The expenses to students, including books, about $115.00 a year. Lucy Rider Meyer, A. M., M. D., Principal, 4949 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

2. New York Deaconess Home and Training School.—The New York Deaconess Home and Training School of the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the important centers of deaconess work. It occupies a large and commodious building, admirably adapted for its purposes, fully equipped, and ideally located for its great and varied activities, at the very heart of the city's life. It is near Central Park, but by many lines of cars every section of the city, uptown and downtown, the East Side and the West Side, is easily and quickly reached. The members of the Home find innumerable open doors. The field work is varied, as varied as the life of a cosmopolitan city. The Training School course is comprehensive and well arranged for the satisfactory training not only of those intending to enter upon deaconess work, but the many others who desire to be skilled in Christian service. The managers of the Home and Training School are men and women of large experience, who are devoting their time and money to the work of the kingdom of God in the world. Under the impulse of the Metropolitan Thank-Offering Movement the payment of this valuable property was provided for. The Home is located at 1175 Madison Avenue, New York. *Principal*, Miss Edith M. Spicer.

3. The New England Deaconess Training School, Boston, Mass.—This School was established in 1890. It trains young women for all fields. It is under the management of the New England Deaconess Association which also sustains a Home and Hospital in Boston. The

present enrollment of students is 24. That the School has shared in the growing interest in deaconess work in New England is evident from the fact that friends made it possible to secure a $20,000 property for its use, into which it moved the first of September. The courses of studies are practically the same as in Chicago and the expenses are about the same. *Superintendent*, Miss Orianna F. Harding, corner Bellevue and Park Streets, Fenway Station, Boston, Mass.

4. Training School of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Association.—This School is located in Cincinnati, O. It was established in 1895. It trains for the deaconess work. The property is held conjointly with the Deaconess Home and Hospital. Number of students, 14. The deaconess course of study is pursued, and each lady is expected to take one year of work also in the training school for nurses in connection with the Deaconess Hospital. *Deaconess Principal*, Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes, Wesley Avenue, Cincinnati, O.

Epworth Evangelistic Institute, 3019 Bell Avenue, Saint Louis, Mo., is a school of practice for deaconesses, evangelist and missionaries. It has secured valuable property in the heart of Saint Louis, two splendid buildings with a lot frontage of 250 feet on Bell Avenue. It is training young women for both the home and foreign field. Epworth Settlement connected with the Institute, now has two resident deaconesses, and is thoroughly organized in all of its departments, including kindergarten, industrial classes, mothers' meetings, thrift fund, circulating library, boys' clubs, Sunday school and junior league. Epworth Church, organized there, is growing steadily. Every line of deaconess work is being developed under our auspices, evangelistic, educational, traveler's aid, district nursing, parish visiting, industrial and kindergarten work.

Value of property, $35,000; debt, $25,000; licensed deaconesses, 11; probationers, 47; students taking Biblical Training, 45; sick calls (district nurse in homes), 483; calls of all kinds, 12,250; current expenses, $8,206.32; children taught in Industrial Schools, 250. *Principal*, Iva Durham Vennard.

Conference Deaconess Training Schools

Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School, 238 President Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.—From its beginning, in January, 1892, this Home has trained its own workers, and only these. In 1896 the coöperation of the Brooklyn Church Society with the Woman's Home Missionary Society was secured, and the Home incorporated. Soon the Church Society received the gift of a beautiful house, which it immediately leased, rent free, to the Woman's Home Missionary Society for this Home and School. An endowment fund of $10,000 has been given the institution. Licensed deaconesses, 18; taking Bible training, 4. *Superintendent*, Miss Priscilla Foster.

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School, Grand Rapids, Mich.—This institution has developed from the devotion and energy of its faithful superintendent, as a memorial to an active, efficient husband, a member of the Michigan Conference. It was opened as a Deaconess Home in 1894, and three years later a school was established within it, and the institution incorporated. From this school have graduated young women many of whom have been given to the general work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Licensed deaconesses, 5; taking Bible training, 12. *Superintendent*, Mrs. W. J. Aldrich.

Iowa Bible Training School, 1155 West Ninth Street, Des Moines, Ia.—In January, 1900, this School was started in the Deaconess Home at the earnest wish of the pastors of the city of Des Moines. Soon it outgrew its quarters, and was generously invited by the Board of the Iowa Methodist Hospital to make a temporary home within its walls. However, the growth of the hospital soon demanded the space occupied by the School. Then the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Des Moines Conference greatly enlarged and beautified the Home. This School has again outgrown its commodious Home, and a friend has purchased the adjoining property with a good house, which makes an added dormitory. *Principal*, Mrs. Mabel Hilbish; *Superintendent of Home*, Miss Lulu McMillin.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society attaches great importance to the special training of its workers as its history from the early days of its existence makes clear. Opportunities for training have increased with the growth of the Society.

Three National Training Schools are maintained, located at Washington, D. C.; Kansas City, Mo., and San Francisco, Cal. These are in care of the Committee on National Training Schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, whose whole purpose is to provide the best opportunities for training that can well be secured. These are National Training Schools because they are supported mainly from the General Treasury of the Society, and the special object of their maintenance is to provide missionaries and deaconesses whom the Society can locate where most needed for its special service. In addition there are three Conference Deaconess Training Schools whose object is to provide training for deaconesses whose especial work shall be within the limits of the Conference where the School is located. These Conference Deaconess Training Schools are at Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Des Moines, Iowa. Also several of the Homes, as at Jersey City and Sioux City, provide for the first year's training of deaconesses, sending their workers to the National Schools for the seond year's training. The nurse training at Washington is given at Sibley Hospital, the Nurse-training Department of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School being the only Hospital south of Philadelphia belonging to the Methodist Church. At all of these Schools the curriculum includes the Bible, Church History, and the History of Missions, Sociology, Domestic Science and practical experience in Deaconess Work and Missions. All of these Schools are growing in numbers, in material equipments and in their useful service to Methodism. They owe much to the Training School Managers, one of whom is appointed in each Conference to work in the interests of these institutions.

Kansas City National Training School, East 15th and Denver Streets, Kansas City, Mo.—The Kansas City National Training School has suffered a severe loss in the death of its generous benefactor, Mr. C. E. Schoellkopf. His noble gift of ten acres of land is an important asset of the institution, giving ample grounds for Fisk Hall and opportunities for future growth. The street railway is completed past the property. Heavy expenses for grading and paving have been met, and the land alone is now estimated as worth $55,000. The new building, Fisk Hall, is now crowded with students as a larger number

have been enrolled than ever before. This School owes great thanks to the Methodist preachers of the city where it is located, who give freely of their valuable time and services as lecturers. This institution is growing in importance and in the love and loyalty of the Christian people of the great Middle West. *Superintendent*, Miss Anna Neiderheiser.

San Francisco National Training School, 129 Haight Street, San Francisco, Cal.—This building has been miraculously preserved from earthquake and from fire. The morning of April 18th came the terrible shocks that made the city shake and reel like a drunken man. Again and again the fire that broke out approached within a block of the building, but at the end of the awful holocaust the edifice stood erect and safe, though fallen chimneys and fractured foundation walls told the story of material loss, which was not to be mentioned when it was found that all inmates of the Home had escaped injury. The year's work to that date had been faithfully done, and the authorities did not hesitate to place diplomas in the hands of the eight finely-equipped graduates, dating each April 18th, 5:15 A. M., 1906. Some of our students hastened to their anxious parents, while others lingered to assist in caring for the many helpless and homeless ones, whose deep need appealed eloquently for help. Our Home became a refuge for many shelterless ones, and during these weary months since our energy and skill have been gladly given to those who stood at our doors, pleading for help and sympathy. I have but words of praise for the work of our Faculty, and city pastors, who have kindly volunteered their services. We were very fortunate in securing lectures from many distinguished scholars, travelers and missionaries, and we are always glad to hear the voice of our near neighbor, Bishop J. W. Hamilton. While we dare not prophesy, we are decidedly hopeful as we look into the coming year. Our work is appreciated far more today, and we have more friends than ever before. *President*, Rev. E. R. Willis; *Preceptress*, Miss Zaida Tyrrell.

Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses, Washington, D. C.—This is one of the training schools that provide workers for the various fields of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It was the first one established by the society and has received careful direction and help from its founders. It is finely equipped with buildings, beautifully situated in the capital of the nation, and provided with every help necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes for which it was established.

It has been organized on a broad basis to furnish every variety of worker required by the different kinds of work to be done. For those who desire to do deaconess work, a full course, following in general the outline of the Bishop's course, has been provided. As much of the work of the Home Missionary Society is among the poor, both in the cities and on the frontiers, among whites and blacks who have never known the meaning of a well conducted home, a course has been prepared which includes Domestic Science and a laboratory with a competent teacher has been furnished. Young women receive an education in home making which enables them to help these people in a very effective manner. As the easiest way to reach the parents is through the children, a normal kindergarten is a part of the training offered and a model school for this purpose is maintained. Several have graduated to do most useful service in this line. With the great interest in hospital and nursing the demand for trained Christian

nurses has led to the organization of the nurse-training school. Thus four important lines of Christian service are comprehended in the organization of this school.

The success of the enterprise has been very marked. Scarcely a dozen years old, it has an attendance of nearly one hundred young women, selected from among the best that the Methodist Church can offer. They come from almost every state in the union, North and South, and go out from the institution to points of labor quite as varied. Some have gone into Christian work in our insular possessions and many more will be prepared for this large and important service. Last year, the graduating class numbered 47 and the entrance this fall promises excellent things in the future.

Not only does the school seek to give this general preparation to its students, but it offers, vocal and instrumental music, a thorough course in physical training that may be used in mission work, many lines of industrial training, together with elocution and public address. In the various missions, settlements and charity organizations of the city as well as in the Methodist churches, opportunity is presented for practical training and one of the teachers, a deaconess, has charge of this department.

The instruction is under the direction of a resident faculty of persons thoroughly well prepared for their different departments of teaching.

SEMIOFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL WEEKLIES

Among the number of these periodicals published by local associations or by private enterprise are the following:

Baltimore Methodist, Baltimore, Md.; under the auspices of Baltimore Annual Conference; L. H. Pearce, editor; $1.50 per year.

Christelige Talsmand, Den (Norwegian), Chicago, Ill.; H. P. Bergh, redactor; $1.50 per year.

Christian Companion, The, Wilmington, Del.; A. T. Scott, editor and publisher; 50 cents per year.

Christian Standard, The, an international holiness journal, Philadelphia, Pa.; Revs. E. I. D. Pepper and E. S. Dunham, editors; $1.50 per year in advance.

Christian Witness and Advocate of Bible Holiness, Chicago, Ill., and Boston, Mass.; Revs. G. A. McLaughlin and C. J. Fowler, editors; $1 per year in advance.

Hyrdestemmen, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. H. P. Bergh, editor.

Krestansky Posel, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Frank Pelikan, editor; $1 per year in advance, otherwise $1.50.

Methodist Record, Dallas, Tex.; Rev. R. L. Selle, editor; 8 pages, monthly; 50 cents per year.

Michigan Christian Advocate, Detroit, Mich.; J. H. Potts, D.D., editor; $1.50 per year.

Northern Christian Advocate, Syracuse, N. Y.; established 1841; Rev. L. H. Pearce, editor; $1.50 per year.

Record, The, Ocean Grove, N. J.; $1 per year.

Peninsula Methodist, Chestertown, Md.; L. B. Russell, publisher; $1 per year.

Philadelphia Methodist, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. W. Thomas, D.D., editor; $1.50 per year.

Vidnesbyrdet, Seattle, Wash.; O. O. Twede, editor; 50 cents.

Zion's Herald, Boston, Mass.; Charles Parkhurst, D.D., editor; $2.50 per year.

I

Eutaw Meeting
Erected in N. Eutaw Street
belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church consecrated 1808 cost 11 500 Dollars
J. Wall. Arch.t

For two months we endeavored in vain to obtain a picture of Eutaw Street Church, Baltimore, Md., as it appeared at the time of dedication, by Bishop Asbury, on May 8, 1808, for the front cover of the Year Book, and at last used the cut—no other being known to exist—that appears thereon. On December 10, however, and after a portion of the Year Book had gone to press, we received by special delivery from Dr. John F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College of Baltimore, a picture of the church as it actually appeared at the time of dedication, and present the same herewith. We regret that we could not have received the cut in time to carry out our original plan, but we are only too thankful to Dr. Goucher for having discovered, secured, and placed at our disposal for the benefit of our readers this invaluable relic of Baltimore Methodism in the early part of the nineteenth century.

FORMS OF BEQUEST

Bequest to Board of Foreign Missions.—"I give and bequeath to THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise to THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, the following lands and premises: that is to say [*brief description here*], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to Chartered Fund.—"I give and bequeath unto the Chartered Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, ...dollars."

Bequest to The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.—"I give and bequeath to THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." Form of a devise of land to said Board: "I give and devise to THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, the following land and premises; that is to say [*describe property here*], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools.—"I give and bequeath to THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREEDMEN'S AID AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, [*here insert amount*] for the purpose of said Society, for which the receipt of the Treasurer of said Board shall be a sufficient discharge." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise to THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREEDMEN'S AID AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated, the following lands and premises; that is to say ..... to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to American Bible Society.—"I give and bequeath to the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, formed in New York in the year 1816, the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society."

Bequest to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—"I give and bequeath to the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge of my executors for the same." In case of a devise of real estate: "I give and devise to the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, all that certain [*here describe the property*], with the appurtenances, in fee simple, for the purposes of said Society."

Bequest to Woman's Home Missionary Society.—"I give and bequeath to the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." In case of a devise of real estate: "I give and devise to the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say [*brief description here*], to have and to hold or dispose of the same with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever."

NOTE.—Bequests may be made to any Society not mentioned above by using the following form: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated under the general laws of the State of ——, the sum of [*here insert the amount*], in trust for the benefit and to be applied according to the direction of [*here insert the name of the Society for whose benefit the bequest is designed*].

The Will should be attested by three witnesses [in some States three are required, in other States only two], who should write against their names their places of residence [if in cities, their street and number]. The following form of attestation will answer for every State in the Union: "Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said [A. B.] as his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who, at the request of the said [A. B.], and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses." Some States require the Will to be made at least two months before death.

FORM OF BEQUEST

Form of Will for the American University.—If a legacy or bequest: "I give and bequeath to THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, the sum of [*insert amount*], and the receipt of its Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." If a devise of land: "I give and devise to THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, the following land and premises [*insert description*], with the appurtenances, in fee simple, for the purposes of the said University." If the residue of an estate: "I give, devise, and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal [*including herein any and every legacy, bequest or devise, that may lapse or for any reason fail to take effect*], to THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, for the purposes of said University."

The will should be attested by three witnesses, who should write against their names their place of residence, their street and number. The following form of attestation will answer for every State in the Union: "Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said [A. B.] as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at the request of the said [A. B.] and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses."

Bequest to Methodist Episcopal Church Home, New York.—"I give and bequeath unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME, in the city of New York, the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of said Society." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME, in the city of New York [*here describe property and ground rent*], together with the appurtenances and fee simple."

Bequest to the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church Home.—"I give and bequeath to THE BROOKLYN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be applied to the use and purposes of said corporation, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise unto THE BROOKLYN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME [*here describe the property and ground rent*], together with the appurtenances and fee simple."

Bequest to the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Hospital.—"I give, devise, and bequeath unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL, in the city of Brooklyn, a corporation duly incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, by an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, in the city of Brooklyn,' passed May 27, 1881 [*here insert the amount of money bequeathed, or a description of specific personal property or real property, or both; and if it be the residue of an estate, state that fact*]."

Bequest to the Deaconess Society.—"I give and bequeath to THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL DEACONESS SOCIETY, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Illinois, the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be applied to the use and general purposes of said corporation [*or if to be applied to any particular department of the work, such as for orphans, the sick, care of deaconesses in old age, specify here*], and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge." In making devises of real estate use the following form: "I give and devise unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL DEACONESS SOCIETY [*here describe the property and ground rent*], together with the appurtenances and fee simple."

Bequest to the Five Points Mission.—"I give and bequeath unto the FIVE POINTS MISSION, OLD BREWERY, New York (formerly New York Ladies' Home Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church) (incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed March 20, 1856, and amended March 14, 1900), the sum of ——— dollars, and the receipt of the Treasurer of that Society shall be a sufficient discharge of my executors for the same." Post-office address, 63 Park Street, New York.

Bequest to the New York City Church Extension Society.—"I give and bequeath to the NEW YORK CITY CHURCH EXTENSION AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, instituted in the city of New York, and incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the sum of ——— dollars, to be applied to the use and purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer of the Society shall be a sufficient discharge." Persons disposed to make bequests to the Society are requested to be careful to adopt the above form, so that legacies may not be lost to the Society by mistake or misunderstanding of the intention of the giver.

Bequests to the German Methodist Deaconess Home and Bethesda Hospital.—"I give and bequeath to the GERMAN METHODIST DEACONESS HOME AND BETHESDA HOSPITAL, established in the city of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, and incorporated according to the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

"I bequeath and devise to the GERMAN METHODIST DEACONESS HOME AND BETHESDA HOSPITAL, established in the city of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, and incorporated according to the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say [*brief description here*], to have and hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Home, its successors and assigns forever."

VII

OTHER FORCES OF THE KINGDOM

Keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.—Eph. 4. 3

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

WE glean from the general summary of this stalwart organization some of the details of its work. The annual report covers the period May 1, 1906, to April 30, 1907.

The net value of its real property is $33,210,485, a gain for the fiscal year of $3,679,015. Other possessions amount in the aggregate to $10,516,303, showing a grand total of $43,726,788. General Secretaries and other paid officers of local associations and of state provincial and international committees, 2,392.

Concerning its associations and membership the report says:

1,767 associations have sent in reports; 1,952 are in existence; of these 58 are auxiliary organizations of men or boys; 1,629 associations report an aggregate membership of 437,178; 1,457 report an active membership of 175,019; 1,335 report serving on committees 55,957; in the educational department, 740 associations report reading rooms; 654 have libraries containing 555,320 volumes; 666 sustain 45,771 educational lectures; 399 have 42,129 students in class work. Total expense of all educational work $437,986; receipts from tuition fees $267,781. Number serving on religious work committees or doing definite personal work 11,744; number of Bible class students 70,146. Payments for local religious work $203,407. Aggregate attendance at all religious meetings and Bible classes, 1,538 branches, 5,901,342.

The Railroad Department numbers 229 associations. Visits to sick and injured, 13,131; 42 temporary hospitals used first aid packages in 5,446 cases. The Army and Navy Departments are well equipped and are doing practical work.

Following the instructions of the International Convention in 1904, the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America requests the hearty and unanimous coöperation of all these Associations and of all Christians in observing the period, November tenth to seventeenth, by special prayer in behalf of young men and of the various departments of Association work among them.

An outline of subjects for daily prayer has been issued by the Association.

Officers.—The list of officers of the Association at the commencement of 1908 is as follows:

Central International Committee: Headquarters, 3 Rue Général Dufour, Geneva, Switzerland. *Chairman,* Edouard Barde; *Treasurer,* Henry Fatio; *General Secretaries,* Charles Fermaud, Christian Phildius.

American International Committee: General office, 3 West Twenty-

ninth Street, New York city. *Chairman*, L. C. Warner; *Treasurer*, F. B. Schenck; *General Secretary*, R. C. Morse.

State Committee of New York: General office, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York city. *Chairman*, Edmund P. Platt; *Treasurer*, Samuel Woolverton; *State Secretary*, J. W. Cook.

New York City Association: General office, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York city. *President*, William Fellowes Morgan; *Treasurer*, Samuel Sloan, Jr.; *General Secretaries*, H. M. Orne, E. W. Booth.

Publication Department: Chairman, W. D. Murray; *Secretary*, F. B. Shipp.

THE CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION

THIS organization, founded in 1874 by the late Lewis Miller and John H. (now Bishop) Vincent as a summer institute for the training of Sunday school teachers, after thirty years of usefulness, is still a growing power for good. From the beginning it has been entirely undenominational in its character, and thoroughly educational in its methods. In 1879 the summer session was extended from three to six weeks by the addition of a summer school of liberal arts. This school now numbers some twenty-five hundred students each year. In 1902 the title of the Chautauqua system of education was changed by act of the Legislature of the state of New York to "Chautauqua Institution." Its general offices are situated at Chautauqua, N. Y. In 1878 the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle was organized for the benefit of Sunday school teachers and other out-of-school people who felt their need of a wider acquaintance with the world of books.

The purpose of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle is to promote habits of reading and study in history, literature, science, and art; to give college graduates a review of the college course; to secure for those whose educational privileges have been limited the college student's general outlook upon the world and life; and to encourage close, connected, and persistent thinking. The general plan offered may be stated as: (1) A four years' course, designed to bring the "college outlook into the home." (2) Seventy-five specialized courses for continued reading and study. (3) Correspondence school (limited), with lectures and entertainments. (4) Summer schools, fifteen in number. (5) A membership book with special review questions. (6) Individual readers may pursue the entire course alone. (7) Local circles of three or more are recommended. (8) Twenty minutes a day will cover the required reading. (9) Expense less than fifteen cents a week for nine months. (10) A diploma at the end of the four years' course. (11) Seals for written review work and extra reading.

Officers.—The officers of the Chautauqua Institution for the ensuing year are the following:

Chancellor, Bishop John H. Vincent; *President*, George E. Vincent; *Treasurer*, W. F. Walworth; *Chairman of the Executive Board*, J. C. Neville; *Secretary*, Ira M. Miller; *General Director*, Arthur E. Bestor. DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION: *President*, G. E. Vincent; *Secretary*

of Instruction, Percy H. Boynton; *Educational Council*, Melvil Dewey, Lake Placid, N. Y.; Miss Jane Addams, Hull House, Chicago; President B. P. Raymond, Wesleyan University; President G. Stanley Hall, Clark University; *Counselors of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle*, Jesse L. Hurlbut, of Bloomfield, N. J.; James M. Gibson, of London; Lyman Abbott, editor the Outlook; Edward Everett Hale, of Boston; Bishop H. W. Warren, of Colorado; W. C. Wilkinson, University of Chicago; President J. H. Carlisle, Wofford College, S. C.; *Editor the Chautauquan*, Frank Chapin Bray; *Secretary of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle*, Kate F. Kimball.

THE SALVATION ARMY

THIS organization is accomplishing vast results in its efforts to redeem mankind from the thraldom of sin in which they are held. The following brief synopsis of the Army's operations will be perused with interest:

The Salvation Army and the Salvation Army Industrial Homes Company are incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. The Reliance Trading Company, incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, also operates in connection with the Army. The Salvation Army, founded by General William Booth, is a religious body organized on military principles with a view of reaching the non-churchgoing masses of the world. It was first started in July, 1865, in the East End of London as the Christian Mission. Thirteen years later it received the name of The Salvation Army. As a temperance movement the Salvation Army has been the means of converting hundreds of thousands of confirmed drunkards. Total abstinence is a condition of membership. The Army's International Headquarters are at No. 101 Queen Victoria Street, London. Its operations are carried on in 49 countries and colonies, embracing 7,210 posts, under the charge of 16,857 officers and employees, with 45,339 local officers, 17,099 brass bandsmen, and about 50,000 musicians. Sixty-three periodicals are published in 31 languages, with a weekly circulation of about 1,207,223. There are 644 social relief institutions in the world, under the charge of nearly 3,000 officers and employees. About 7,000 fallen women annually pass through the 116 rescue homes, and 80 or 90 per cent of these are permanently restored to lives of virtue. About 1,500 ex-convicts pass annually through the prison-gate homes. There are 132 slum settlements; the worst dives, saloons, and tenements are regularly visited. Annual conversions have averaged from 200,000 to 250,000 during the past ten years.

INSTITUTIONS, ETC., IN THE U. S.	1896	1907	INCREASE
Officers and employees	2,000	4,736	2,736
Corps and institutions	620	1,002	382
Institutions for the poor	30	188	158
Accommodation in same	600	10,500	9,900
Expended annually in poor relief	$20,000	$800,000	$780,000
Persons provided with Thanksgiving and Christmas free dinners	.....	500,000	500,000

The American relief institutions for the poor now include 77 workingmen's hotels and hotels for women, 20 food depots, 65 industrial homes for the unemployed, 22 second hand stores, 5 labor bureaus, 3 farm colonies, with 3,000 acres of land and about 530 men, women, and children as colonists, 22 rescue homes for fallen women, taking care of 1,701 girls annually. More than 225 children are daily cared for in various institutions. Work is annually found for about 50,000 of the unemployed with outside employers. Nearly 1,000 officers and employees care for the poor. Hundreds of tons of coal and countless garments are distributed to the needy. In summer penny ice, summer camps, and summer outings have been arranged in most of the large cities. At Christmas and Thanksgiving 500,000 free dinners are given to the poor. Sanitariums for consumptives are among the most recent of the Army's works of mercy. Two Sailors' Homes have recently been opened. An anti-suicide bureau is the latest work of mercy.

The National Headquarters of the Salvation Army are at No. 120 West Fourteenth Street, New York city. Commander Miss Evangeline Booth is in charge of the work, with Colonel William Peart as Chief Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PREACHERS

THE first meeting of the Association was held in October, 1858, in New York city; the last, the fiftieth, in October, 1907, in Washington, D. C.

One of the chief interests committed to the care of the Association is Taylor University, named after Bishop William Taylor, and located at Upland, Indiana, midway between Columbus and Chicago. It was founded at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1846, and removed to its present location in 1893. It has seven departments. Its College of Liberal Arts is up to the standard required by the University Senate. It has about 300 students and a faculty of sixteen instructors. Its acting president is the Rev. A. R. Archibald, S.T.D. It has a governing board of twenty-one trustees, all of whom are elected by the National Association of Local Preachers.

The officers of the Association for 1906–7 are: *President*, S. T. Sherwood, 315 Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Vice-Presidents* G. W. Finlaw, Merchantville, N. J.; R. L. Dickey, Baltimore, Md.; C. B. Stemen, Kansas City, Mo.; Colton Amy, East Bangor, Pa.; John Corbett and W. L. Boswell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Daniel Green, Newport, Del.; J. F. Cryer, New York city; *Secretary*, D. H. Kenney, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Treasurer*, James North, Baltimore, Md.; *Corresponding Secretary*, G. W. Mooney, Tabor, N. J.

WITH this year the churches marked thus (X) cease their separate existence, and form part of the "United Methodist Church." In September, 1907, at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, the adjourned Conferences of the Methodist New Connection, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible Christians, met as a "Uniting Conference," and by permission of act of Parliament formed the "United Methodist Church." The first President is the Rev. Edward Boaden; the Secretary, Rev. George Packer.

DENOMINATIONS	Ministers	Lay Preachers	Church Members and Proba.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sunday Scholars	Churches, etc.
Wesleyan Methodists:							
Great Britain	2,445	19,672	539,146	7,566	133,108	1,000,819	[1]8,520
Ireland	249	601	29,198	358	2,664	26,121	[2]421
Foreign Missions	654	4,309	134,131	1,736	7,355	108,338	3,528
French Conference	43	77	1,685	39	189	2,067	134
South African (English)	138	319	9,925	166	1,309	11,992	459
South African (Native)	96	4,740	95,567	556	1,707	27,505	2,847
Methodist New Connection (Home)	204	1,123	41,875	457	10,959	87,741	457
" " " (Foreign)	11	165	4,466	53	53	659	215
Primitive Methodist (Home)	1,115	16,007	206,630	4,151	60,461	470;095	5,214
" " (Foreign)	54	252	5,018	.....	.....	.....	216
Bible Christians (Home)	206	1,515	32,737	570	7,416	45,847	640
" " (Foreign)	17	5	4,994	3	30	2,170	7
Wesleyan Reform Union	17	530	8,689	177	2,808	22,323	197
United Methodist Free Churches (Home)	438	2,983	84,464	1,237	24,324	189,168	1,324
" " " " (Foreign)	30	460	18,739	121	485	5,986	301
Independent Methodist Churches	399	.....	9,614	151	3,104	28,045	153
Australasia Methodist Church	959	4,441	144,875	4,042	24,694	232,048	6,106

[1]Seating accommodation, 2,326,228. [2]Other preaching places, 1,606.

N. B.—These statistics are the latest procurable. The membership of Junior Society Classes is not reckoned.

NOTE.—The Editor of the YEAR BOOK would record the kindness of Rev. Robert Culley, Book Steward, Wesleyan Conference Office, 2 Castle Street, City Road, E. C., London, in furnishing the above statistics.

CANADIAN METHODISM

We desire to acknowledge the courtesy of Rev. George H. Cornish, LL.D., 28 Beatrice Street, Toronto, Ont., for the following statistics of Canadian Methodism for the year ending June 30, 1907. Dr. Cornish has the faculty of presenting a comprehensive summary of denominationl statistics in concrete form. Further than this, the schedule of Conferences, together with the names and addresses of the presidents and secretaries thereof, renders the report especially valuable to the readers of the Year Book.

Conferences	Presidents and Post Office Addresses	Secretaries and Post Office Addresses	Ministers	Increase	Members	Increase
Toronto	Rev. James C. Speer, D.D., Brampton, Ont.	Rev. Geo. W. Robinson, B.A., Thornhill, Ont.	336	11	54,248	1,147
London	Rev. Wm. J. Ford, LL. B., Glencoe, Ont.	Rev. Geo. H. Long, Highgate, Ont.	268	12	50,560	147
Hamilton	Rev. A. Leonard Gee, Ph.D., Brantford, Ont.	Rev. J. A. McLacklan, M.A., Hanover, Ont.	279	4	51,321	602
Bay of Quinte	Rev. Richard Duke, Newburg, Ont.	Rev. Chas. H. Coon, Peterboro, Ont.	200	Dec. 8	39,701	Dec. 652
Montreal	Rev. Francis G. Lett, Pembroke, Ont.	Rev. G. I. Campbell, B.D., Ottawa, Ont.	285	4	38,344	662
Nova Scotia	Rev. W. H. Heartz, D.D., Yarmouth, N. S.	Rev. Benj. Hills, B.D., Mill Village, N. S.	138	4	16,189	Dec. 122
New Brunswick and Prince Edward Isl.	Rev. James Crisp, Saint John, N. B.	Rev. M. R. Knight, M.A., Elgin, N. B.	120	4	13,762	Dec. 84
Newfoundland	Rev. Samuel Snowdon, Bay Roberts, Nfld.	Rev. W. H. Dotchon, Lewisport, Nfld.	92	10	12,894	262
Manitoba	Rev. W. Bridgman, Neepawa, Man.	Rev. E. T. Holling, Winnipeg, Man.	.....	.....	16,106	717
Saskatchewan	Rev. R. A. Scarlett, Souris, Sask.	Rev. J. T. Harrison, B.A., Rocanville, Man.	155	21	11,867	1,062
Alberta	Rev. J. H. Riddell, B.D., Edmonton, Alta	Rev. Thomas P. Perry, High River, Alta.	131	29	7,220	1,312
British Columbia	Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.D., Vancouver, B. C.	Rev. A. E. Roberts, Victoria, B. C.	29	.....	7,564	359
Japan	Rev. Y. Hiraiwai, Tokyo, Japan	Rev. D. R. McKenzie and Rev. T. Kuranaga	.....	.....	3,317	214
West China Mission			.....	.....	250	.....
		Total	2,033	.....	323,343	Net 5,626

CANADIAN METHODISM—*Continued*

The General Conference met in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on September 12, 1906, and closed its sessions on Thursday, September 27.

Officers of the Conference.—General Superintendent, Rev. Albert Carman, D.D., LL.D., Toronto, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. T. Albert Moore, Toronto, Ont.; Assistant Secretaries, Rev. Joseph J. Rae, Picton, Ont.; P. E. Butchart, Esq., Edmonton, Alberta, and W. B. McCoy, LL.B., Halifax, N. S.; Journal Secretary and Statistician, Rev. George H. Cornish, LL.D., Toronto, Ont.

Missionary Department.—General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D.D.; General Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. James Allen, M.A.; Field Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. T. E. Egerton Shore, M.A., B.D.; Field Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. Charles E. Manning; Secretary of Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, Rev. Fred. C. Stephenson, M.D.; Treasurers, Harris H. Fudger, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Sutherland.

Manitoba and British Columbia.—Senior Superintendent of Missions, Rev. James Woodsworth, D.D., Winnipeg, Man.; Superintendent of Missions for Saskatchewan, Rev. Oliver Darwin, Saskatoon, Sask.; Superintendent of Missions for Alberta, Rev. Thomas C. Buchanan, Calgary, Alta.; Superintendent of Missions for British Columbia, Rev. James H. White, D.D., New Westminster, B. C.; Superintendent of Mission Council in Japan, Rev. A. C. Borden D.D., Tokyo, Japan.

The Income of the Missionary Society for the year ending June, 1907, was $442,629.85. Increase $36,786.95.

The Society was organized in 1824, and now has 563 Mission Stations, 490 Missionaries, 52 Assistants, 34 Teachers and 10 Interpreters—a total of 586 paid agents, with a membership of 42,823.

Book and Publishing Houses.—1. Toronto, Ont., Wesley Buildings, Richmond Street, West; *Book Steward*, Rev. William Briggs, D.D.; Assistant, Rev. J. J. Redditt.

2. Halifax, N. S., 141 Granville Street; *Book Steward*, Rev. Stephen F. Huestis, D.D.

3. Montreal, Que., Saint Catharine Street; *Manager*, C. W. Coates.

Periodicals.—The Christian Guardian, Toronto, Ont., Editor, Rev. William B. Creighton, B.A., B.D. The Wesleyan, Halifax, N. S.; Editor, Rev. David W. Johnson, D.D. Sunday school publications, Toronto, Ont.; Editor, Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., F.R.C.S. The Epworth Era, Toronto, Ont.; Editor, Rev. A. C. Crews, D.D.

Epworth League and Sunday School Department.—*General Secretary*, Rev. A. C. Crews, D.D.; Toronto, Ont.; *First Associate Secretary*, Rev. Samuel T. Bartlett, Sackville, N. B.; *Second Associate Secretary*, Rev. John A. Doyle, Regina, Sask.; *General Treasurer Epworth League Department*, A. E. Kent, Toronto, Ont.; *General Treasurer of the Sunday School Department*, Edward C. Caswell, Toronto, Ont.

Temperance and Moral Reform.—*Field Secretary*, Rev. H. S. Magee, Toronto, Ont.

Educational Society.—*General Secretary*, [1]John Potts, D.D., Toronto,

[1]Deceased.

Ont.; *Associate Secretary of Education*, Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A., Toronto, Ont.; *General Treasurer*, C. D. Massey, Toronto, Ont.

The number of colleges, not including mission schools, is 11 as follows: 1. Victoria University, Toronto, Ont., N. Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D., President and Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology. Founded in Coburg, Ont., 1830, as Upper Canada Academy, and incorporated in 1836; reorganized as a university by amended charter in 1841; consolidated with Albert College, Belleville, Ont., in 1884; and federated with Toronto University in 1890; removed to Toronto, and new buildings opened in 1892; 2. Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B., begun in 1842; 3. Wesley College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, founded in 1873; 4. Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, founded in 1873; 5. Albert College, Belleville, Ont., founded in 1857; 6. Alma Ladies' College, Saint Thomas, incorporated in 1877; 7. Columbian Methodist College, New Westminster, B. C., founded in 1892, incorporated in 1894; 8. The Methodist College, Saint Johns, N. F.; 9. Alberta College, Edmonton, Alta., 1903; 10. Stanstead Wesleyan College, Stanstead, Que., incorporated in 1872; 11. Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, Ont., incorporated in 1874.

The number of students in attendance at the above Institutions is 3,130. The number of professors and other instructors, 157.

The buildings and equipment are valued at...	$1,623,437.00
The endowments are.....	1,069,432.00
The total income of the Educational Society for the quadrennium 1902–1906 was.....	117,750.89

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the city of Hamilton, Ont., in 1881.

It now has 10 branches, 998 auxiliaries, 1,879 life members and 22,453 annual members, 479 circles and mission bands with 14,766 members, making a grand total membership of 39,098.

As centers of Evangelistic and Educational work, the following seventeen places are occupied: viz.—In Japan, Tokyo, Shizuoko, Kofu, Kanazawa, Ueda, and Nagano. In China, Chentu and Kiating. In British Columbia, Port Simpson, Kitamaat, Bella Bella, Hazleton and Victoria. In Alberta, Morely and Pakau; in Manitoba, the city of Winnipeg; in Quebec, the city of Montreal.

The income of the Society for the year 1904–05 was $93,346.34, an increase for the year of $7,925,26.

Supported by the Society are seven boarding schools, seven day schools, one night school, two industrial schools, five kindergartens, four orphanages, one Chinese Rescue home, one hospital, two dispensaries and one-half share with the General Missionary Society in Industrial Institutes in Chilliwhack and Montreal.

There are employed in this work 58 missionaries, forty-five engaged as teachers and evangelistic workers, two physicians, and eleven trained nurses, aided by twenty-five Bible women and forty native teachers.

The property, consisting of lands and buildings, owned by the Society is approximately as follows:

In Japan.....	$58,849.00
In China.....	13,233.00
In British Columbia.....	19,707.00
In Alberta.....	2,170.00
Total.....	$93,959.00

General Summary

Number of ministers in active work, 1,340; General Conference officers and professors in colleges, 60; superannuated and supernumerary ministers, 363; evangelists, 7; left without station, 51; total, 1,821. Probationers in active work, 204; at college, 269; without station, 10; total, 483. Grand total, 2,304; increase, 105.

Local preachers, 2,517; exhorters, 1,190; class leaders, 5,369; stewards, 10,551; Sunday schools, 3,574; increase, 22; officers and teachers, 34,479; decrease, 79; scholars, 290,835; increase, 6,813; Home Department, 14,466; increase, 171; Cradle Roll, 12,674; increase, 2,958; contributions of schools for Missions, $34,159; increase, $4,483; Young People's Societies, 1,891; increase, 27; members, 75,227; contributions for Forward Missionary Movement, $47,562; increase, $5,037. The number of churches and value of all church property is tabulated only once in four years. The following is as reported for the General Conference of 1906: Churches and other places of worship, 4,738; parsonages, 1,322; colleges and other educational institutions, 22; value $2,756,268; total value of all church property, $21,223,727.

Fraternal Delegates appointed by the General Conference at its recent session in Montreal: To the British Wesleyan and other Methodist Conferences in England and Ireland, Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, M.A., D.D., Galt, Ont. To the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States, Rev. James Henderson, D.D., Toronto, Ont.; Newton W. Rowell, Esq., K.C., Toronto, Ont. To the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. W. R. Young, D.D., Montreal, Que.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

The records of the year ending December, 1906, show that the Methodist Episcopal Church South has had another year of prosperity. The increase in membership over the year immediately preceding was 42,249, and in the number of Sunday school scholars 43,490. The increase in the number of Epworth Leagues 33, and increase in Epworth League members 3,204. Increase of traveling preachers 203, and of local preachers 82.

Board of Bishops.—The Episcopal Board consists of eleven member, namely: A. W. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; W. W. Duncan, Spartanburg, S. C.; C. B. Galloway, Jackson, Miss.; E. R. Hendrix, Kansas City, Mo.; J. S. Key, Sherman, Tex.; O. P. Fitzgerald, Nashville, Tenn.; W. A. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.; H. C. Morrison, Birmingham, Ala.; E. E. Hoss, Nashville, Tenn.; Seth Ward, Houston, Tex.; James Atkins, Waynesville, N. C.

Agents, Editors, and Secretaries.—D. M. Smith and A. J. Lamar, D.D., publishing agents, Nashville, Tenn.; Gross Alexander, S.T.D., book editor and editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review, Nashville, Tenn.; G. B. Winton, D.D., editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tenn.; E. B. Chappell, D.D., Sunday school editor, Nashville,

Tenn.; H. M. DuBose, D.D., general secretary Epworth League and editor Epworth Era, Nashville, Tenn.; W. R. Lambuth, D.D., missionary secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; W. W. Pinson, D.D., assistant missionary secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; W. F. McMurry, D.D., secretary church extension, Louisville, Ky.; J. D. Hammond, D.D., secretary of education, Nashville, Tenn.; J. R. Nelson, Home Mission secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; H. M. Hamil, D.D., superintendent of Sunday school training work, Nashville, Tenn.

Statistics.—Traveling preachers, 7,038; local preachers, 4,800; members, 1,656,609; Sunday schools, 14,892; Sunday school teachers, 111,137; Sunday school scholars, 1,084,238; Epworth Leagues, 3,574; Epworth League members, 123,691; infants baptized, 27,900; adults baptized, 65,206; conferences, 47; university, 1; colleges, 21; secondary institutions, 197; value of grounds and buildings, $11,564,421; cost of new buildings, $701,640; endowment of university and colleges, $3,896,216; foreign mission receipts, $386,314; domestic mission receipts, $244,774; church extension receipts, $113,417; number of church buildings, 15,542; value of church buildings, $32,164,796; number of parsonages, 4,543; value of parsonages, $6,872,108; amount collected for superannuates, $226,521; net assets of the publishing house, $989,457.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES

THIS Alliance, founded in 1867, twenty-one years subsequent to the organization of the Evangelical Alliance in London, Eng., aims to manifest and strengthen Christian unity, to defend and promote religious liberty, and to encourage coöperation in Christian effort. Forty thousand programs for the Week of Prayer –January 5–12, 1908—were sent out by the Alliance to the churches.

The topics for the Week of Prayer are: Sunday, January 5, The Promises of God, Luke 11. 9; Monday, January 6, Things Unseen and Eternal, 2. Cor. 4. 18; Tuesday, January 7, The Triumphs of Faith, 1 John 5. 4; Heb. 11. 27; Rom. 8. 37; Wednesday, January 8, The Church made truly Glorious, Eph. 3. 20, 21; Rev. 2. 7; Thursday, January 9, Missions, Home and Foreign, Acts 10. 34, 35; Matt. 28. 19; Friday, January 10, Intemperance the Master Social Curse, Hab. 2. 15; Prov. 23. 20; 1 Cor. 6. 10; Saturday, January 11, Christian Unity, John 17. 21, 23; Sunday, January 12, God Revealed, Psa. 62. 10–12; Heb. 1. 1, 2.

Officers.– The officers of the Alliance for 1907–8 are:

President, Leander T. Chamberlain, D.D., The Chelsea, West 23d Street, New York city; *Recording Secretaries*, H. B. Chapin, D.D., G. U. Wenner, D.D.; *Treasurer*, J. T. Brinckerhoff, Esq.; *Honorary Secretaries*, George Alexander, D.D., Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., W. H. P. Faunce, D.D., J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., Cornelius B. Smith, D.D., S. H. Virgin, D.D., LL.D.

THE AMERICAN SABBATH UNION

THIS organization is National, Christian, interdenominational, codenominational, and officially represents fourteen of the leading denominations, as endorsed by a vote of their highest ecclesiastical courts. Its sole object is the preservation of the Christian Sabbath for all classes. "The right of rest for one demands the law of rest for all."

The Union was organized December 12, 1888, in Washington, D. C., and incorporated in 1890 under the laws of the state of New York. The National headquarters are 203 Broadway, New York city. Four lines of effort are pursued by this National Association, as follows:

1. Organizing the States not yet organized into Auxiliaries, also County, City and Village Sabbath Associations. 2. Guarding the civil statutes on Sabbath observance already enacted, and assisting in securing more efficient laws in various state legislatures and our National Congress, with their full enforcement as speedily as possible. 3. Publishing and distributing literature on this vital question, circulating about two million of pages annually at present. 4. Creating and strengthening public sentiment, by delivering addresses, sermons and lectures on the Sabbath Question, in Churches, Chautauqua, Mass Meetings and all other available places. The Union is supported entirely by the voluntary offerings of friends of the American Christian Sabbath, both individuals and churches: Life Members, $100 per year; honorary membership, $50 per year; corresponding membership, $25 per year; sustaining membership, $10 per year; associate membership, $5 per year. Coöperating supporters, all contributors giving less than $5 each.

Board of Managers.—Bishop John H. Vincent, D.D., LL.D., Indianapolis, Ind., David J. Burrell, D.D., Col. A. S. Bacon, Canon William Sheafe Chase, D.D., H. Edwards Rowland, Rev. Geo. B. Young, D.D., H. K. Carroll, L.L.D., Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., Jesse W. Brooks, D.D., Rev. Alfred E. Myers, A. B. Sanford, D.D., Hon. Darwin R. James, James Marshall Stuart, R. S. McArthur, D.D., Bishop Wm. T. Sabine, John H. Willey, D.D., James Yereance, Walter D. Buchanan, D.D., Edward F. Cragin, A. A. Robbins.

Officers.—*President*, Hon. Darwin R. James; *Chairman of Executive Committee*, Mr. James Yereance; *General Secretary*, Frederick J. Stanley, D.D., L.H.D.; *Treasurer*, Col. Alexander S. Bacon.

DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

THE following tables were compiled by H. K. Carroll, LL.D., First Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were published in The Christian Advocate of January 17, 1907. Dr. Carroll was in charge of the government census of churches in 1890. Our acknowledgment is due to him and to the editor of The Christian Advocate for permission to use these statistics in the YEAR BOOK. The increase in 1906 over 1905 was as follows: Ministers, 4,300; churches, 3,635; communicants, 870,389.

DENOMINATIONS	SUMMARY FOR 1906		
	MINISTERS	CHURCHES	COMMUNICANTS
Adventist (6 bodies)	1,565	2,499	95,437
Baptists (14 bodies)	38,010	54,566	5,140,770
Brethren (River) (3 bodies)	173	98	4,239
Brethren (Plymouth) (4 bodies)	.....	314	6,661
Buddhist (Chinese)	.....	47	.....
Buddhist and Shintoist (Japanese)	.....	9	.....
Catholics (9 bodies)	15,269	12,449	11,143,455
Catholic Apostolic	95	10	1,491
Christadelphians	.....	63	1,277
Christian Connection	1,348	1,340	101,597
Christian Catholic (Dowie)	104	110	40,000
Christian Scientists	1,326	663	80,197
Christian Union	201	268	17,500
Church of God (Winebrennarian)	499	590	41,475
Church of the New Jerusalem	128	139	8,084
Communistic Societies (6 bodies)	.....	22	3,084
Congregationalists	5,959	5,943	694,923
Disciples of Christ	7,153	11,110	1,264,758
Dunkards (4 bodies)	3,241	1,100	121,194
Evangelical (2 bodies)	1,508	2,730	179,339
Friends (4 bodies)	1,466	1,075	118,752
Friends of the Temple	4	4	340
German Evangelical Protestant	100	155	20,000
German Evangelical Synod	964	1,227	228,420
Jews (2 bodies)	301	570	143,000
Latter-Day Saints (2 bodies)	1,652	1,328	396,354
Lutherans (23 bodies)	7,872	13,919	1,957,433
Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant	345	351	46,000
Mennonites (12 bodies)	1,240	701	61,690
Methodists (17 bodies)	41,483	60,352	6,551,891
Moravians	130	119	16,923
Presbyterians (12 bodies)	12,705	15,922	1,771,877
Protestant Episcopal (2 bodies)	5,258	7,567	846,492
Reformed (3 bodies)	2,044	2,563	422,359
Salvation Army	3,773	983	28,500
Schwenkfeldians	5	8	731
Social Brethren	17	20	913
Society for Ethical Culture	.....	5	1,700
Spiritualists	.....	748	295,000
Theosophical Society	.....	72	2,607
United Brethren (2 bodies)	2,247	4,351	286,238
Unitarians	544	464	71,000
Universalists	720	977	55,831
Independent Congregations	54	156	14,126
Grand total in 1906	159,503	207,707	32,283,658
Grand total in 1905	155,203	204,072	31,413,269

Order of Denominations.—The following table shows the number of members and the comparative rank of the leading denominations in 1906 and 1890:

DENOMINATIONS	RANK IN 1906	COMMUNICANTS	RANK IN 1890	COMMUNICANTS
Roman Catholic	1	10,879,930	1	6,231,417
Methodist Episcopal	2	2,984,261	2	2,240,354
Regular Baptist (South)	3	1,939,563	4	1,280,066
Regular Baptist (Colored)	4	1,779,691	3	1,348,989
Methodist Episcopal, South	5	1,631,379	5	1,209,976
Disciples of Christ	6	1,264,758	8	641,051
Presbyterian (North)	7	1,126,469	7	788,244
Regular Baptist (North)	8	1,113,222	6	800,450
African Methodist Episcopal	9	842,023	11	452,725
Protestant Episcopal	10	837,073	9	532,054
Congregationalist	11	694,923	10	512,771
Lutheran Synodical Conference	12	624,122	12	357,153
African Meth. Episcopal Zion	13	573,107	13	349,788
Lutheran General Council	14	414,832	14	324,846
Latter-Day Saints	15	350,000	21	144,352
Spiritualists	16	295,000	39	45,030
Reformed (German)	17	279,483	15	204,018
United Brethren	18	267,921	16	202,474
Lutheran General Synod	19	262,821	17	187,432
Presbyterian (Southern)	20	252,882	18	179,721
German Evangelical Synod	21	228,420	20	164,640
Colored Methodist Episcopal	22	219,739	23	129,383
Cumberland Presbyterian	23	185,212	19	164,940
Methodist Protestant	24	183,894	22	141,989
United Norwegian Lutheran	25	152,843	25	119,972
Primitive Baptist	26	126,000	24	121,347
United Presbyterian	27	125,126	26	94,402
Reformed (Dutch)	28	119,355	27	92,970
Evangelical Association	29	110,320	23	133,313
Lutheran Synod of Ohio	30	106,411	33	69,505
Christian Connection	31	101,597	29	90,718

The position of the Roman Catholic church at the head of all statistics of membership is due simply to their method of computing as members of their church the whole Catholic population, old and young; whereas in our church, and most other Protestant denominations likewise, only those who have taken upon themselves the vows of the church are enumerated. In the Methodist Episcopal Church not even are our baptized children counted.

OTHER METHODISMS IN THE UNITED STATES

EXCLUSIVE of the Methodist Episcopal denomination there are sixteen denominations designated by the term "Methodist." Their statistics are as follows:

DENOMINATIONS	MINISTERS	CHURCHES	COMMUNICANTS
1. Union Amer. Methodist Episcopal	138	255	18,500
2. African Methodist Episcopal	6,190	5,321	842,023
3. African Union Methodist Protestant	150	96	3,867
4. African Methodist Episcopal Zion	3,871	3,206	573,107
5. Methodist Protestant	1,551	2,242	183,894
6. Wesleyan Methodist	539	609	18,587
7. Methodist Episcopal, South	6,774	16,156	1,631,379
8. Congregational Methodist	415	425	24,000
9. Congregational Methodist (Colored)	5	5	319
10. New Congregational Methodist	238	417	4,022
11. Zion Union Apostolic	30	32	2,346
12. Colored Methodist Episcopal	2,673	2,619	219,739
13. Primitive	83	110	6,888
14. Free Methodist	1,032	1,106	31,376
15. Independent Methodist	8	15	2,569
16. Evangelist Missionary	92	47	5,014
Total (16 Denominations)	23,789	32,661	3,567,630
Add Methodist Episcopal	17,694	27,691	2,984,261
Grand Total Methodist	41,483	60,352	6,551,891

THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

THE National Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic, and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law. It is the lineal descendant of the great Woman's Temperance Crusade of 1873–74. It was organized in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1874.

Every state and territory in the United States has a state or territorial W. C. T. U. Local unions are organized in ten thousand towns and cities. National organizers, lecturers and evangelists are constantly in the field, besides those of the several states and territories.

The organization has a membership, active and honorary, of 300,000, with a following of at least half a million. The basis of membership is the signing of the total abstinence pledge and the payment of the annual membership dues.

The work is classified under the general heads of Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic, Social, Legal, and the department of Organization. There are 250,000 boys and girls in the Loyal Temperance

Legion Branch. The W. C. T. U. has secured mandatory laws in Congress, and in every state and territory, requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in public schools, reaching 22,000,000 pupils.

Frances E. Willard founded the World's W. C. T. U. in 1883. It is now organized in over fifty nations with a total membership of about half a million. Its last triennial convention was held in Boston, October 17–23, 1906.

The National W. C. T. U. is an incorporated society and receives bequests. Life memberships and memorial memberships of $25 each, and donations to the Frances E. Willard memorial organizing fund, are gratefully received. All money should be sent to the treasurer.

The Union Signal, $1 per year, is owned and published by the National W. C. T. U., Evanston, Ill. The Crusader Monthly, 25 cents per year, a paper for children and young people with special pages designed to aid public school teachers in scientific temperance instruction, is also owned and published by the National W. C. T. U., and forty state papers are published by as many state W. C. T. U. organizations.

President, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Portland, Me.; *Vice-President at large*, Miss Anna A. Gordon, Evanston, Ill.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry, Evanston, Ill.; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Anderson, Valley City, N. Dak.; *Assistant Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Sara H. Hage, Lincoln, Va.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Harriet W. Brand, Evanston, Ill. The National Headquarters, known as "The Willard," are located in Evanston, Ill., under the same roof with Rest Cottage, formerly the home of Frances E. Willard.

THE McCLINTOCK ASSOCIATION

This worthy society was founded by Mrs. Maria S. Carter for the assistance of students in Drew Theological Seminary who needed aid while pursuing their studies for the ministry. It was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, April 21, 1878, and is composed of ladies of New York city and vicinity. An annual subscription of $5 constitutes a member; a donation of $25 a life member, and $100 a patron.

Sums ranging from $25 to $100 a year are loaned to applicants (who apply through Dr. Buttz) with the understanding that they are to be repaid. A membership of $5, with donations and returned loans, forms its income, which is distributed under the guidance of the Faculty of Drew Theological Seminary. An Endowment Fund, begun by Mrs. A. T. Stout, and further increased by Mrs. Dr. John M. Reid, is on interest in the Greenwich Bank.

Officers.—*President*, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 175 West 58th Street, New York city; *Corresponding Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Mrs. Samuel F. Upham, 114 Henry Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICE

THE title of the "League for Social Service" was changed in the autumn of 1902 to the "American Institute of Social Service." This latter organization is the League under enlarged equipment.

The functions of the Institute are: 1. To gather from all possible sources facts of every kind which bear on social and industrial betterment; 2. To interpret these facts by ascertaining their causes and effects, thus gaining their real significance; and 3. To disseminate the resulting knowledge for the education of public opinion. These functions must be performed through the following departments, not all of which have yet been organized, namely: 1 Bureau of Information; 2 Investigation; 3 Illustration; 4 Publication; 5 Legislation; 6 Lecture Bureau; 7 Training School for Social Secretaries; 8 Library and Archives; 9 Security; 10 Personal Study and Research; 11 International Relations. Such an institution is a matter of growth. A broad and solid foundation, however, has already been laid by the Institute for social service, and considerable work has been done along most of these lines.

Under date of November 10, 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt said in a letter to President Strong: "The possibilities of usefulness for the Institute are well-nigh boundless. I most earnestly hope that all philanthropists will, by personal work, and where they can also with their purses, aid in pushing it forward, and thereby hasten the progress of civilization and the uplifting of humanity."

Officers.—For the year 1908 the following constitute the officers of the Institute:

President, Josiah Strong, D.D.; *Vice-President*, Warner Van Norden; *Director*, W. H. Tolman; *Treasurer*, William B. Howland; *Recording Secretary*, Dr. Washington Choate. The headquarters of the Institute are at 231–241 West 39th Street, New York.

JOHN C. MARTIN EDUCATIONAL FUND

THE object of this Fund, to which the name of the donor has been given, is to popularize the study of the Bible by means of an outline course of Bible lessons for the use of schools, colleges and Bible classes, especially in the South.

The lesson plan is based upon the text of the Bible, and consists of analyses, notes and leading truths. Through this fund Mr. Martin aims to place the course of study wherever it is most needed. The Fund is affiliated with some of the leading colleges, both white and colored, in the South in which are established divinity schools and Bible training courses. The course is evangelical, practical and entirely unsectarian. The Fund is incorporated under the laws of the state of New York.

President, John C. Martin; *Vice-President*, J. Ross Stevenson, D.D.; *Secretary*, Thomas Conyington; *Fiscal Agents*, The Lincoln Trust

Company; *Trustees:* R. S. McArthur, D.D., W. I. Haven, D.D., J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., Geo. H. Shearer, D.D., D. A. Blackburn, D.D., John C. Martin, Dr. Ulamore Allen, Thomas Conyington, Lot C. Alston. The office of the Fund is at No. 1 Broadway, New York city.

ITINERANTS' CLUB

THE value to our ministers, especially to the young men, of the department in the Methodist Review bearing the above title, justifies us in giving the Itinerants' Club space in the YEAR BOOK. The exegetical and homiletical contributions to that department are furnished by some of our ablest theologians and attract deserved attention. The Methodist Review is the official organ of the Club which owes its origin to Bishop John H. Vincent.

At the closing session of the Dakota Conference in 1889 the four undergraduate classes with their examiners were called to the front and addressed by Bishop Vincent. Resolutions were adopted organizing the Itinerants' Club, from which beginning the present organization has developed. Great improvement in the examinations has since followed. The holding of the mid-year examinations is now common, when examiners and students canvass the work for the year. With these examinations are joined programs of lectures by specialists on biblical, scientific, and literary themes; praxis in the studies; book reviews, and conferences on practical methods of pastoral labor and kindred topics. A day is given to examinations, and two or three days more to the program, the evenings being devoted to great popular lectures. Such is the work of the Conference organization variously known as the "Itinerants' Club," "Ministerial Institute," "Mid-Year Assembly," or by some similar name. Summer schools are also held, which secure the services of specialists and afford to pastors the privilege of hearing the results of the latest scholarship.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THIS Society was organized in October, 1865, and incorporated under the laws of New York, in 1866. Hon. Wm. E. Dodge was elected president; Rev. J. B. Dunn, secretary; W. A. Booth, treasurer; J. N. Stearns, publishing agent; a board of managers of thirty members, together with a vice-president for each state in the Union, were likewise elected. The object of the Society is "to promote total abstinence from the use, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage."

OFFICERS.—*President*, Rev. David Stuart Dodge, D.D.; *Treasurer*, J. W. Cummings; *Field and Financial Secretary*, Rev. Hervey Wood; *Editor Advocate, Banner, and Lily*, Rev. O. R. Miller; *Field Secretaries*, Rev. Nathan Bailey, Rev. M. S. Coulson. The organ of the Society is The National Advocate, published monthly at the headquarters of the organization, No. 3 East 14th Street, New York. Subscription price, $1.00 per annum.

The following comparative tables show the participation of the general government in the proceeds of the liquor traffic during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1904 and 1905:

Objects of Taxation	Receipts During Fiscal Years Ended June 30	
	1904	1905
SPIRITS		
Spirits distilled from apples, peaches, grapes, pears, pineapples, oranges, apricots, berries, prunes, figs and cherries	$1,801,064 53	$1,754,523 42
Spirits distilled from materials other than apples, peaches, grapes, pears, pineapples, oranges, apricots, berries, prunes, figs and cherries	127,763,177 96	127,758,104 77
Rectifiers (special tax)	297,637 75	306,123 85
Wine made in imitation of champagne, and liquors produced by being rectified	.....	687 80
Retail liquor dealers (special tax)	5,341,573 56	5,492,407 54
Wholesale liquor dealers (special tax)	553,618 56	579,800 71
Manufacturers of stills (special tax)	987 51	1,029 18
Stills and worms manufactured (special tax)	3,240 00	2,640 00
Stamps for distilled spirits intended for export	2,663 55	2,903 85
Case stamps for distilled spirits bottled in bond	46,052 00	60,292 00
Total	$135,810,015 42	$135,958,513 12
FERMENTED LIQUORS		
Ale, beer, lager beer, porter, and other similar fermented liquors	$48,208,132 56	$49,459,539 93
Brewers (special tax)	165,881 37	164,741 79
Retail dealers in malt liquors (special tax)	247,035 60	260,431 76
Wholesale dealers in malt liquors (special tax)	462,409 24	475,839 70
Total	$49,083,468 77	$50,360,553 18

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS

THE National Federation of Churches organized in 1900 has for its special object "to secure coöperation among churches and Christian workers throughout the United States for the more effective promotion of the interests of the Kingdom of God."

It has already brought about the organization of a considerable number of state and local federations. Its influence through correspondence and in other ways is aiding those having charge of home missions and interdenominational work in every part of the country. Through its initiative the great Inter-Church Conference on Federation was held in New York city, November 15-21, 1905. This Conference, made up of delegates officially appointed by the General Conferences, Assemblies and Synods of thirty denominational bodies, unanimously adopted a Plan of Federation which creates a Federal Council, the first meeting of which will be held in 1908. The Executive Committee of the National Federation of Churches, with representatives

added by action of the Inter-Church Conference, was charged with the care and direction of the affairs of the Conference prior to the meeting of the Federal Council.

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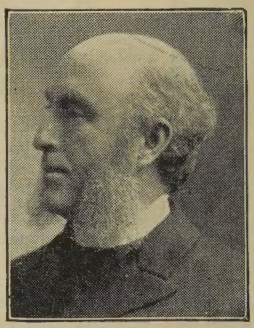

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